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Brigades, in note, urge war on NATO

ROME, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — The Red Brigades, in a six-page statement delivered Saturday, called kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier "a Yankee pig" and declared war against NATO and the American military, police reported.

Police said they believed the document was genuine. It was the first written message from the terrorists since they snatched Dozier from his apartment in Verona in northern Italy Thursday evening. "War against NATO," read one of the slogans at the end of the message. "Attack the centers, the war strategies, and the bases of the American military machine."

The communique was left in a cracker box in a wastebasket on the major Rome thoroughfare of via Settembre. An anonymous telephone caller told a journalist from the Rome newspaper giornale d'Italia where to find it.

There was no photo of the general and no reference to ransom demands for his release.

Meanwhile, police using helicopters, hunting dogs and armored vans scoured northern Italy Saturday for the hideout of Red Brigade terrorists who say they are holding a U.S. Army general captive in a "people's prison" to face "proletarian justice."

The search for Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier is Italy's biggest manhunt on record, authorities said, even bigger than that for former Premier Aldo Moro. Police set up hundreds of roadblocks and searched homes in Verona, Padua, Mestre, Treviso, Marghera, Vicenza and along Lake Garda and other areas. They also distributed composite drawings of the kidnapers who have not announced conditions for the general's release.

But officials said they were hampered by the fact the kidnapers got a three-hour head start before the abduction was reported to the police. A NATO spokesman said Dozier's abduction Thursday from his Verona apartment was the first kidnapping of a U.S. military officer since World War II. The 50-year-old general is the top ranking army officer of the NATO's land forces in southern Europe. "We claim responsibility for the kidnapping of hangman of NATO, James Dozier," the Red Brigades said in a telephone call to Italy's Ansa news agency Friday. "He is closed in a people's prison and will be tried by proletarian justice."

In Rome, Premier Giovanni Spadolini met with Interior Minister Virgilio Rognoni for the fourth time since Dozier's abduction. Italian officials said they were in "constant" contact with Washington through U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Rabb. In Washington, U.S. President Ronald Reagan called Dozier's captors "cowardly hums" who "don't have a cause that justifies what they are doing," Reagan said the United States was doing everything it could to secure Dozier's freedom. The Defense Department said it sent a six-member liaison team to work with Italian authorities investigating the kidnapping.

The motive for Dozier's abduction was still unclear. The Red Brigades, who kidnapped and killed former Italian Premier Aldo Moro in 1978, have heretofore confined their attacks to Italian authorities. NATO officials speculated the terrorists might have snatched Dozier in an effort to gain secret military information. But NATO spokesman Joe Favorite said that explanation seemed implausible because Dozier, as chief of logistics, was not involved in operations, intelligence or communications.

Sources close to Italian President Sandro Pertini said he believed the Dozier kidnapping supported his frequently-expressed belief that Italian terrorism has its roots abroad — possibly in the Soviet Bloc. Pertini and others have accused the militant Communist Red Brigades of trying to destabilize Italy and thus weaken the West.

Dozier was described as in excellent physical condition. But police and relatives said he apparently was injured when he tried to resist the four men who entered his apartment dressed as plumbers, chained his wife Judith to a chair and carried him off in a truck.



WARNING IGNORED: Several hundred ducks and geese ignore the warning sign and waddle around on the ice covering a pond in the Cleveland suburb of Strongsville Thursday. Several quackers encountered at the scene also said they were not bothered by the forecast for four or more inches of snow the weather service has predicted for the area.

As Warsaw radio claims normalcy

Walesa calls for mass strikes, resistance

VIENNA, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has appealed through Poland's Roman Catholic church leaders for mass strikes and massive resistance to last Sunday's military takeover, according to a pamphlet circulating in Warsaw.

Travelers reaching Vienna by train Saturday with a copy of the pamphlet said it had been printed by the free trade union and distributed in the capital and presumably also in the provinces. It said that Walesa's message, dated Dec. 15 and relayed through church leaders, appealed for unity, for mass strikes in major industries and passive resistance in small businesses and for no blood to be shed if the army used force.

The pamphlet said that Walesa, who was detained by security forces early last Sunday, was being held in a villa in the resort town of Konstantin near Warsaw.

Warsaw radio said in the meantime factories in Poland's capital hummed with production Saturday despite Western diplomatic reports of a go-slow by workers against martial law.

The radio said most factories were working normally although it was a Saturday and shops and restaurants were open. Government offices were also operating, having been ordered to work a six-day week as part of efforts by the military government to enforce discipline and rebuild the economy. The report by the radio contrasted with claims by Western sources Friday of a passive resistance campaign by workers in factories under army control. Workers were idling or failing to cooperate, they said.

Reuter correspondent Brian Mooney telexed his first dispatch from Warsaw Saturday since martial law authorities cut the communication lines of Western news agencies last Sunday. He reported a heavy military

and police presence in the capital and said the limitations on ordinary life were growing daily. Telephone lines are cut, entertainment banned and people cannot travel without permission.

Although Warsaw radio said supplies of milk and bread were improving, Mooney reported that private food markets had virtually shut and fresh vegetables were scarce. Pope John Paul, meanwhile, sent Archbishop Luigi Poggi from Rome to obtain a first-hand report of the situation in Poland. He was due to travel by train to Warsaw Saturday.

The government has declared that the economy in ruins after the 18-month struggle between the Communist Party and the Solidarity free trade union, is already picking up after five six days of military rule.

It has insisted that most factories are working normally despite efforts by Solidarity militants to whip up strikes. One of its first acts was to decree a return to a six-day working week. Free Saturdays had been one of Solidarity's chief gains.

A government communique reported by the official news agency PAP said the rhythm of work in industry was improving. It cited heightened discipline, lower absenteeism and better productivity. PAP said reports from around the country indicated that the situation everywhere had been calm Friday.

It reported, however, that security forces used teargas to disperse young rioters who threw up barricades in the Baltic port of Gdansk Thursday night. The agency said 27 persons were hurt and "the situation became very dangerous." More than 300 persons were hurt in clashes Wednesday in Gdansk where Solidarity sprang into existence in 1980 as the Communist Bloc's first free union.

PAP reported that railway and inter-city

coach travel was functioning smoothly again. A hint that air travel might be resumed came from Warsaw radio when it broadcast instructions to all employees of the Polish airline LOT to report for work Monday. It also ordered full-time officials of the now-suppressed Solidarity to turn up for work at their old jobs. The media maintained their campaign against the union, hundreds of whose officials and supporters have been detained.

Denunciations of Solidarity's political activists from union officials who said they should have confined themselves to looking after workers' interests were carried by PAP. Warsaw radio also criticized profiteering which was flourishing despite official attempts to curb price rises. It said some traders were asking 60 zlotys (\$2) an egg and 2,800 zlotys (\$100) for a small turkey. Shoes are being offered at 12,000 zlotys (\$400) a pair or eight times their official price.

Mooney said the lack of telephones and the curfew were making life difficult for people who fell sick and were unable to summon ambulances. The press had now instructed them to approach the nearest policeman or soldier with a radio in the event of an emergency. He reported that soldiers were stationed all round the capital, swaddled in winter uniform.

Mubarak welcomes Reagan step

Israel assails U.S. for freezing pact

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon Saturday hit out at measures announced by the United States in response to Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

Speaking on the state radio here, Sharon said the American decision to suspend talks on strategic cooperation with Israel under the agreement signed in Washington a month ago and to waive delivery of a \$200 million defense package "casts doubt on the credibility of any international agreement entered into by the United States." "That judgment also applies to the future position of the United States on the Camp David agreements," he added.

The measures taken by the United States were "extremely serious, for they must harm Israel's basic interests and its security," he said. Moreover, the United States had no cause for surprise at the annexation voted by the Israeli parliament Monday — "except perhaps surprise over the moment chosen".

"Washington, in fact, is kept abreast of every Israeli policy line and was aware of our intention not to quit the Golan Heights," Sharon declared. He added that there was "no point" in consulting Washington beforehand in the context of the Strategic Cooperation Agreement, since it (the agreement) does not concern Israel's conflicts with Arabs, but only matters of joint concern with the United States.

Sharon said there had been no reason either way the Golan annexation should have taken Egypt by surprise. "We have permanent contacts and we have more than once told the Egyptian leadership that we would never abandon the Golan Heights because of their prime importance for the security of Israel," Sharon said. "I believe they understand our problems, and at all events I consider our decision has been more acceptable to them at this stage than after the complete evacuation of Sinai April 25, 1982," he added.

Sharon will be present with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the interview Prime Minister Menachem Begin has requested with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis before Sunday's cabinet meeting, informed sources indicated.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak welcomed the Reagan administration's decision to suspend its Strategic Cooperation Agreement with Israel. He said "It is an encouraging decision and we hope in the light of what is going on, a reasonable solution."

Abdullah returns

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard returned here from Geneva where he underwent routine medical tests. He was welcomed at the airport by a number of princes, ministers and senior officials and officers.

Prince laid to rest

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd and other princes and ministers led a congregation of Muslims at the funeral prayers for Prince Muhammad bin Abdullah bin Abdul Rahman who died Friday afternoon. The prince was later buried here. May his soul rest in peace.

Car bomb kills 11 in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (R) — A car bomb exploded at a petrol station in west Beirut Saturday, killing eleven persons and wounding 14, security sources and witnesses said.

The blast echoed across west Beirut as rescuers were still searching through the debris of the Iraqi Embassy, shattered in a massive bomb explosion four days ago that killed at least 32 persons and injured 80.

The security sources said four of Saturday's dead were members of the security forces. They said a patrol had been alerted about a car bomb in the petrol station and as they drew near the suspect vehicle, it exploded. The sources said about 20 kg of explosive had been used. It was not immediately known who was responsible or why the bomb had been planted.

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Russian eye cure doubted

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — For 12-year-old Todd Cantrell, his just-concluded trip to Moscow meant a chance to have his sight restored. But a number of American eye specialists say the treatment Todd received is worthless.

As one specialist put it: "If you want to save yourself a trip to Russia, go to your supermarket, buy a package of yeast and eat it." The boy's neighbors in Dalton, Georgia, raised \$12,000 to send him to the Soviet Union for treatment of the disease retinitis pigmentosa, which afflicts more than 100,000 Americans. When Cantrell returned to his homeland Tuesday, he indicated the treatment had helped. He didn't have any night vision before, and now he has "just a little."

American doctors who specialize in hereditary eye diseases say they can do nothing to arrest or reverse the gradual loss of sight from the disorder. But the Soviets are injecting patients in the tips and around the eyes with RIBONUCLEIC acid — RNA, possibly obtained from yeast or manufactured in the lab.

Cantrell is one of about 50 Americans who have traveled to Moscow for treatment. At least 11 of them have been tested here before and after their visits to Moscow. "We've found no beneficial effect," says Dr. Elliot Berson of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, who has examined some of the patients. "Three of the patients we evaluated have continued to progress (worsen) despite the trial," he said in an interview.

"We're really not sure what the source of this material is," says Chader. He has been

By American specialists

working with others at the National Eye Institute to try to begin a cooperative study of the treatment with the Soviets.

Retinitis pigmentosa is one of a group of more than 20 hereditary eye diseases, several of which can be stabilized, that result in a progressively shrinking field of vision. "Each type of genetic disease has its specific enzyme defect," says Dr. Alan Lattes of the University of Pennsylvania.

Doctors now believe, Lattes says, that retinitis pigmentosa is the result of a build-up in the body of some chemical that alters the eyes. That causes tiny bits of black pigment to appear on the retina, affecting peripheral vision and narrowing the field of view.

Lattes says the Soviets are "good people." He adds, "I think that they are just mistaken. They don't claim that they've got any great panacea — they say they're trying something."

One of the Kingdom's leading eye specialists Dr. Akef Maghrabi of Maghrabi hospital in Jeddah said he had not read or learned of a treatment for this condition although he was hopeful that modern science will come out with a cure in the next year or two.

Dr. Maghrabi told Arab News Saturday that there was "a fantastic amount of research being carried out to find a cure." This is being done in the U.S. and Europe on a large scale. The few cases that he had seen in the country did not indicate that the disease was widespread, he said.

At a medical conference in the U.S. recently, Dr. Maghrabi talked to a leading Russian ophthalmic specialist who told him that the Russian treatment was a trial but not a definitive cure.

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Municipality allocates SR1b for city projects

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Jeddah's beautification program has been allocated SR1 billion for the years 1982 and 1983, according to municipality sources Saturday. The funds include the asphalt, tree-planting and betterment of the city's streets.

Jeddah Municipality Director of Technical Affairs Isam Mirdar said that under the beautification program, final studies for four pedestrian tunnels and a number of flyovers will be completed within a week. The tunnels and flyovers will be built at points of congestion in the city, he said.

One tunnel will be located at the bus station for Makkah and Madinah linking the area to the opposite side on the Corniche Road. A second will be developed near the Red Sea Palace Hotel and Faisaliya Shopping Center, Mirdar said. The third will be located at the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones' new building. The site selected for the fourth tunnel is the old fish market and the parking lot downtown, King Abdul Aziz Street area.

Meanwhile, studies are underway to build a number of pedestrian flyovers in places where traffic is hampered by pedestrians.

Royal decrees issued

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — King Khaled issued three royal decrees Saturday approving the two clauses of the economic agreement with the UAE concerning the exemption of agricultural, animal, natural and industrial products from customs. Another decree approved the economic cooperation and technical agreement with Indonesia. The third one approved the agreement to set up the Gulf university and its articles of association.

Preliminary selections include a flyover in a Madinah Road and another in Prince Fahd Street.

The municipality also is going ahead with its plans to rebuild the old gates of Jeddah, Bab (gate) Makkah, Bab Madinah and Bah Sharif will be built in the same architectural styles and on the same locations where they used to stand.

On the other hand, Muhammad Said Banah, roads department director at the municipality, told *Arab News* that six contracts were awarded recently to national companies for temporary asphalt projects in the city. These include resurfacing of old streets and asphalt main streets in the new parts of Jeddah. A program has been worked out to pave and illuminate the public gardens in the city. It will be completed by 1983.

Various services for the northern part of Jeddah Corniche will be completed by 1983 at a cost of SR57 million. The northern corniche extends for 40 kilometers. Meanwhile, development of the central part of the corniche will be executed in two phases. The first comprises the Youth Welfare Flyover which starts at the Ruwais lagoon. It will be completed by the end of 1982 and cost SR26 million, the official said.

Banah added that the second phase will link up the first flyover with the Arbaeen lagoon at a cost of SR15 million.

The three contracts for the southern part of the corniche have been awarded, he said. The contracts, amounting to SR200 million, will provide for extending the southern coast of Jeddah another 70 kilometers with pavements, lighting, flower beds, gardens and asphalt. Work will be completed in 18 months, Banah said.

Labor office efforts aimed to help employee-employer

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Labor Undersecretary Ahmad Hamad Al-Yhaya reiterated that recruitment offices are trying to stabilize the relationship between the employee and the employer, with the aim of creating an atmosphere in which both parties benefit and help in the development processes of the country.

In a statement published in *Al-Jazirah* Saturday, Yhaya said that according to a report of labor agency on the activities of labor offices that 543,707 work permits were granted in the year 1980 recording an increase of 199,422 over the number of year preceding. Most of them were Arab nationals, he said, adding that during the same year, 7,770 Saudi Arabians applied for work at the labor offices and all applicants were absorbed in different jobs in the private sector.

Yhaya said that more than 34,000 labor issues were settled by the labor offices in different parts of the country. Of these, 63 percent were minor cases and 11 percent connected with injuries, he said, and added that this figure was insignificant if compared to similar cases in other countries.

Yhaya said the labor office exerts maximum efforts to implement the labor law and the provisions of the labor organization. He added that labor inspectors pay

regular and surprise visits to companies, factories and industries, to ensure whether the labor laws are being enforced there. In the year 1980 alone, officials paid 5,356 visits to more than 700 private companies and establishments, he said.

Yhaya said the Labor Ministry remains anxious to see that relations between the employee and the employer are maintained on just bases. In order to achieve this objective, a directorate general has been set up to study the statutes of labor and penalties and also to inspect the social services rendered by the social organizations. In 1980, 66 labor organization statutes were approved, and another 250 were approved by mid 1981, from which more than 1.4 million workers had benefited, he said.

Meanwhile, Yhaya said the labor ministry participates in the activities of all Arab, Islamic and international organizations that deal with the problems of labor and laborers. The Kingdom has already taken part in the conferences of labor and social affairs ministers of the Arab states of the Gulf. Likewise, it took part in the international labor conferences which were held in Switzerland in 1981. Besides, the Kingdom has so far ratified 13 international treaties and recommendations connected with the laborers in the private sector, he said.



ARRIVAL: Col. Abdul Aziz Al-Barazi (front-left), Yemen Arab Republic chief of armed forces staff, seen upon arrival at Riyadh airport Saturday. He was welcomed by Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hamoudi (front-right), chief of staff, Barazi, is here on an official visit of few days for talks on coordination and promoting mutual relations, said that he was carrying messages for King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd from President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Medical aid to Yemen reviewed

SANAA, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The Health Minister Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Kabab met here Saturday with Saudi Arabian Ambassador Tihad Al-Harthy with whom he discussed bilateral cooperation in the development of Yemen's medical services.

They also reviewed the preparations for the opening of the Saada hospital which was built by Saudi Arabia within the framework of ongoing cooperation between the two countries.

The project and several others were decided upon under the agreement signed in Riyadh earlier this year when the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council met to plan projects to be financed during the rest of the year. In health care, the Kingdom has already completed 12 projects including hospitals and will build five more.

The Saudi Arabian government also agreed to continue its budgetary support of

the Yemeni government to the tune of SR345 million a year. In education, the Kingdom has already completed 55 projects of various kinds and has agreed to build three new secondary schools and increase the number of foreign teachers it provides Yemen by 150 to 1,222 in addition to 266 Saudi Arabian educators. The Kingdom pays the salaries of both categories. At the same time, teachers training institutes will be built in the country with Saudi Arabia assistance.

The Saudi Arabian government has been funding several other projects in the country since the early 1970's. They included improvements to existing airports, schools, hospitals, roads and artesian wells.

This year the Interior Ministry shipped a large quantity of goods and equipment to the Yemeni Interior Ministry to be used to improve its services. They ranged from traffic lights to laboratory instruments.

King to grace university day

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The Silver Jubilee celebrations of Riyadh University will be held under the auspices of King Khaled on Dec. 29, Dr. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Turki, the university's rector, said here

Saturday. On this occasion, he said, the King will dedicate the King Khaled University Hospital which is an advanced medical center that serves the objectives of health education in the university. It will also render health service to the public, he added.

Turki said that "I cannot but express the happiness and pleasure of the university staff over Crown Prince Fahd's recent statement to the Saudi Press Agency, in which he had commended the enormous efforts of the teaching staff to enable the Kingdom's universities in general and the Riyadh University in particular to achieve the honorable results."

He said the university will seize the opportunity to honor a number of personalities who contributed valuable efforts to bring the university to its present standard. He added that, during the week-long celebrations, the university will open its doors to the public to see its activities and achievements as well as its services to students and the staff.

Turki said the celebrations will include an exhibition of the activities of the university's various faculties, colleges, institutes, scientific centers and administrative offices, in addition to other projects and academic and cultural activities. Two days will be reserved for women to participate in the celebrations.

Taif tree-plant week dedicated

TAIF, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Emir of Taif Sheikh Saleh Al-Salem attended the special tree-planting ceremony here Saturday in which government departments and private companies and associations are taking part.

The event was also attended by Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Zaid, director of education in the Western Region, and Dr. Hassan Hajrah, mayor of the city, and other senior aides. Twenty thousand saplings will be planted to make the summer resort more beautiful. At the same time, two new public parks were opened at a cost of SR1.5 million, officials announced Saturday.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:18	12:19	11:50	11:37	12:02	12:31
Asr (Afternoon)	3:23	3:18	2:49	3:33	2:57	3:23
Maghreh (Sunset)	5:44	5:39	5:10	4:53	5:17	5:42
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Agriculture firm sells 13m shares

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The National Agricultural Development Company (NADC) has sold about 13 million shares, considerably more than the initial 2.8 million figure floated when the company was formed earlier this year, according to official statistics.

The number of shareholders has reached 127,000 people and reflects the encouragement given to such projects. NADC's establishment was approved by the Council of Ministers in August, 1981, with an initial capital of SR400 million. Of this, 80 percent was allocated for public subscription while the state kept the remaining 20 percent.

The company, set up to produce and market various agricultural products and meat, had started with a project at Wadi Harad. Its activities are to expand and cover all areas where agriculture development is possible.

To date NADC has carried out several projects in the Harad valley by farming 2,300 hectares that will produce 10,000 tons of wheat annually. It also utilized 500 hectares for producing fodder, to be used for dairy farms. The fodder will be marketed in Riyadh.

The company also is engaged in establishing a poultry farm in Hail to produce

eight million chickens per annum. The farm will use modern methods that will ensure delivery of products to consumers properly packed and kept in cold storage. NADC had ordered 200 milk cows from the United States to increase the capacity of a local dairy project. In addition, an area of 10 kilometers in Wadi Al-Dawasir was brought under cultivation with the use of modern irrigation methods.

The company's board met recently, after completing the subscription of all shares, under its chairman Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. It reviewed projects being carried out by the company.

Throughout Kingdom

Health Ministry begins polio vaccinations

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — A Health Ministry vaccination campaign against polio began Saturday and will be carried throughout Saudi Arabia during the next two weeks. The second part of the campaign will be conducted from Jan. 23 through Feb. 6, and the third phase from Feb. 27 through March 13.

According to *Okaz*, the campaign is directed at children up to four months old. For children from a year and a-half years old to six years old, a reactivation dose will be administered. The vaccine will be provided by the ministry in all health centers. All health units will participate in the campaign and mobile units will be used in remote areas. The vaccination will take place during official working hours and a certificate will be delivered at the inoculation site to the parents.

Jeddah residents give beautification money

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Jeddah residents have given \$5 million for the beautification of their city, according to Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi. He told *Okaz* Saturday that the funds will be used to place aesthetic sculptures in various parts of the city.

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Children under cordiose treatment, running a fever or suffering from diarrhea or other illnesses will not be vaccinated until they are well. The same also will apply to children vaccinated a few days prior against other diseases.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Bakri of the ministry's Preventive Medicine Department said that polio begins with a cold and diarrhea and a few days later degenerates into paralysis of important limbs, the threat of the respiratory tract. He urged people to go to health centers and have their children vaccinated.

The government's health policy is to provide adequate preventive and curative health services free of charge or at nominal rates to everyone in the Kingdom, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's annual report for 1980. Total appropriations for the Health Ministry during the Third Plan will be SR34.9 billion, in addition to allocations for other ministries and government agencies involved in health care, such as the Ministries of Education, Defense and National Guard, the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and the Saudi Red Crescent Society.

Among the most important achievements

of the Ministry of Health has been the establishment of five modern hospitals at Jizan, Jeddah, Hofuf, Alkhobar and Madinah with a total capacity of 2,275 beds. The hospitals include laboratories, blood banks, outpatient clinics and personnel housing. Work is underway on three new hospitals at Tabuk, Najran and Hail, with a total capacity of 600 beds.

A number of hospitals for the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, the National Guard and the Public Security Administration also are in operation, serving the employees of those agencies, their families and other citizens in certain cases.

The Health Ministry has established about 200 dispensaries and has designated a number of dispensaries to be turned into primary medical care centers. At the end of 1979 (1979), its medical staff numbered 13,654, representing a rise of five percent over the previous year. During the Third Plan, the ministry aims to increase the number of hospital beds to 2.2 per 1,000 citizens and to improve the ratio of physicians to population to 5.9 per 10,000.

To sign security pact

Prince Naif goes to Manama

MANAMA, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif arrived here Saturday afternoon to Manama on a 24-hour visit to Bahrain at the invitation of his counterpart, Sheikh Muhammad bin Khalifa to sign a security cooperation accord that calls for exchange of criminals and establishes measures to combat crime.

Prince Naif was seen off by Prince Ahmad, deputy interior minister, and other senior officials from the ministry. The prince's accord was signed by the Bahraini Minister

Jammaz, interior undersecretary for administration; Hamad Al Shawi, director of the interior minister's department; and Said Ali Al-Shebban, the director general of the prince's office for studies and research, as well as other senior officials from the ministry.

The action comes in the wake of Bahrain's arrest of 60 Gulf nationals who were involved in an alleged Iranian-backed plot to stage a revolution in Bahrain during the island's 10th independence day anniversary ceremonies.

Hotel managers see oversupply in future

By Maher Abbas

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — As a result of the increase in hotel rooms, occupancy rates have fallen, and hotels have recorded significant decreases when compared to last year.

Michel G. Prelorenzo, manager of the Kaki Hotel which has 193 rooms and 22 suites, believes that the construction of new hotels in Jeddah would lead to the closing of a similar number of hotels of the same grade. He urged investors to use their money in other projects since hotels no longer are as profitable as they used to be. "In a few years to come, you will find first-class hotels giving cheaper prices than second-class hotels because of the hotel proliferation," he said.

Recently Ahmad Babgi, head of Jeddah's Chamber of Commerce Research Center, told *Arab News* that a survey conducted by the center has led to the suspension of new licenses issued by the Commerce Ministry for new hotels here. The study by the center on the hotel industry here revealed that the occupancy rate is very low and business in that sector has reached the saturation point with 5,000 rooms in 48 hotels.

The survey's results were passed on to the ministry with a recommendation to stop issuing further licenses. Licenses for new hotels have not been issued for the last eight months. "Only people who already had secured licenses prior to that period are now constructing new hotels," Babgi said.

According to Rashid Farram, manager of the 250-room Al-Atlas hotel here, the pilgrimage season is the peak for the hotel in view of the ever-increasing number of pilgrims and business visits that follow the Hajj period. The slow period is from mid-December to mid-January when European businessmen take vacations in their countries, and in the summer when Saudi Arabian businessmen spend their vacation abroad.

He thinks that too many hotels is a loss, because unlike supermarkets, the increase in the number of hotels could affect their economic viability — a matter that inevitably would harm the hotel industry as a whole throughout the country.

Farram also believes that Jeddah needs no more new hotels, especially with the trend now taken by the companies to set up housing compounds for their personnel to avoid high hotel prices. The permanent client has become a rare commodity, says Farram, and with him disappeared the long-duration reservation. Hotel sojourns are getting shorter and shorter, and so more emphasis is laid on hotel marketing from abroad.

Arab and national manpower in Al-Atlas is scarce because it is costly, which is the reason why the management hires foreigners, Farram added. Yet hotel service has improved in Jeddah, compared to what it was four years ago since the increase in hotels' competition and imported manpower. But because supply is destined to exceed demand with the new hotels being built, hotel occupancy will fall from the average of 75 percent



Rashid Farram



Antoine Al-Sokhn

occupancy many hotels now have, Farram said.

In Kaki, the peak period also is during pilgrimage. For the rest of the year, customers fill 60-80 percent of the rooms. The dead season is mid-December to mid-January. To build competition, Kaki hotel built a modern conference center for businessmen and governments. But already the number of customers this year is, for the first time in Jeddah hotels, less than last year — most probably because of the new hotels. A total of 47,880 were lodged in 1980. The hotel grants annual leave to the staff during the dead periods. Unlike Al-Atlas, the staff majority in Kaki hotel is Arab.

The same dead season (mid-December to mid-January) affects the Sheraton hotel which has 563 rooms, 14 suites and several restaurants and ceremony and conference halls. The hotel relies on the exhibition and fair season to make up for that stagnation period. But here Arab manpower is less than 10 percent. Among the 700 staff members, 60 are Arab.

Mazen Al-Ghammaz, the marketing director of the Meridien, is also of the view that if there had been fewer customers during the 1981 pilgrimage season than the previous year, it is because of the increase in hotel numbers and rooms. He is certain that at present supply is double the demand of hotel rooms, hence the growing importance of hotel marketing lest competition would seriously affect the position of existing hotels.

According to George M. Tori, the hotel's general manager, competition makes it imperative to give better food but also better services so that the client may feel at home. And it will only be after some time that the effervescent commerce activity in Jeddah will fill the present room capacity. Competition will become fiercer between the new hotels and the old ones.

One of the newest hotels in Jeddah is Hyatt Regency, which has 303 rooms and a number of royal suites. It hosted its first customer in October, 1980. A month ago, its luxury class was inaugurated on the sixth floor for the very special guests. Not only the hotel had

some difficulty to cope with the pilgrim demand this year, but it now displays a notice saying "No Room Till May 1982."

By operating through contacts with hotel marketing, the hotel is attracting the trade delegations that visit Saudi Arabia. These comprise businessmen and embassy guests.

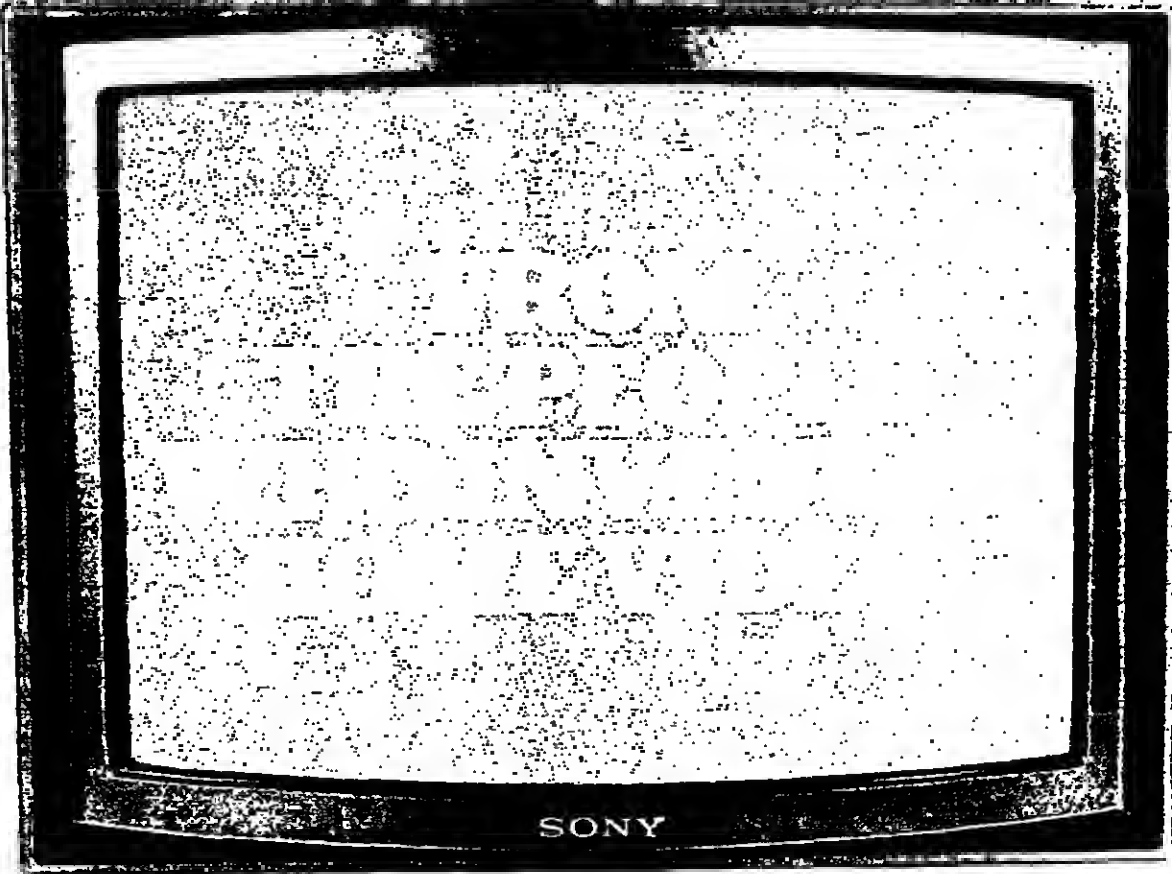
More than 65 percent of all reservations are made from within the Kingdom and the rest from outside. Normally, the pilgrimage season should not have been a crucial period for reservation, same as other festive periods, but the hotels try to attract the customer going to Makkah or Taif or Yanbu and let him stay at the hotel as a transit point.

According to Antoine Al-Sokhn, Hyatt Regency's Middle East marketing and sales manager, the establishment of new hotels is good for stirring competition. Also, the opening of the Red Sea hotel in 1982 and the construction of the Intercontinental and the Holiday Inn which will be dedicated in the beginning of 1983 will add 1,500 rooms and cover the city's requirements. Competition will consist in raising the standard of services and paying more attention to the clients. For instance, Hyatt Regency is now planning a series of scientific and training seminars.

Anyway Jeddah occupies the first place as far as hotel activity is concerned. It is followed by Riyadh and Dammam.

Giving another example of Hyatt Regency's competitive moves, Sokhn said that the hotel is providing transport to its tenants from and to the airport and other facilities. For this perhaps and other reasons, an average of 82 percent of all the hotel's rooms were occupied throughout 1981, which means 90,156 customers. They included 31,000 Europeans; 27,047 from the Middle East; 20,706 from the United States; 6,312 Asians and 4,507 people from Africa.

Another 3,567 new rooms will be added in the city. They include 1,108 in luxury class hotels by the beginning of 1983. In fact three such hotels obtained licenses, in addition to five first class hotels about to see the light and provide 1,475 more rooms. Also, seven second class hotels under construction will add 993 rooms to the number.

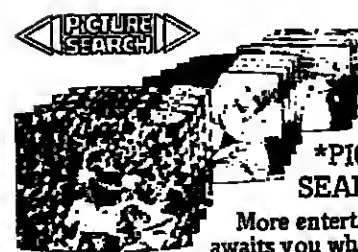
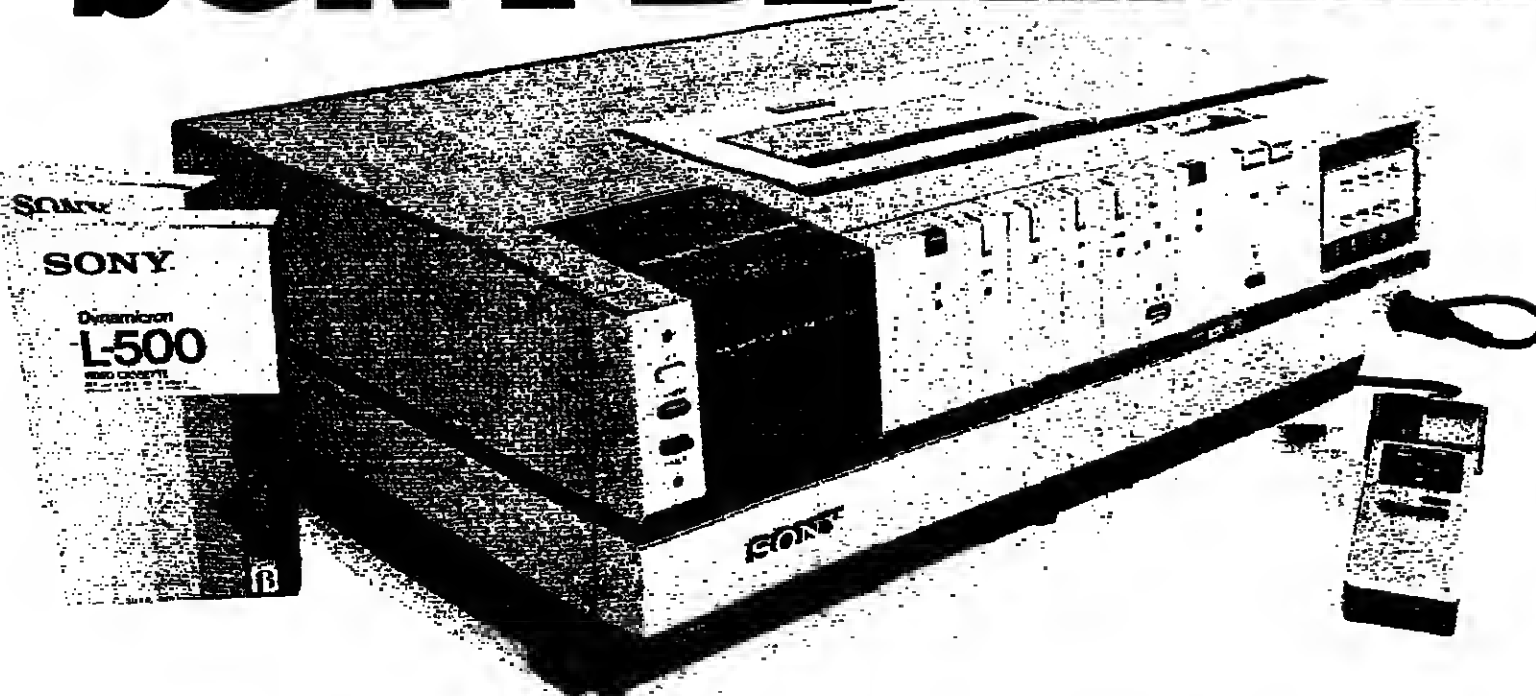


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Pakistan denies boosting troops on Indian border

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Pakistan Embassy took issue Friday with the reported statement of a visiting Pakistani diplomat implying a recent increase in Pakistani military forces along the Indian border.

Visiting Pakistani Ambassador-at-large A.K. Brohi was quoted by the United News of India (UNI) agency as saying that the bulk of Pakistani troops were deployed along the Indian frontier only after Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi this year began mentioning the possibility of war.

The Pakistan Embassy declared there had been "no augmentation or change of any

kind" in the deployment of Pakistan forces at the Indian border in recent months.

Pakistan's ambassador to India, Abdul Sattar, amplified the statement by telling a reporter that the only change in deployment has been to the north and west, where the number of divisions was increased from one to four. Pakistan is bordered on the north and west by Iran and Afghanistan, while India lies on its eastern and southern borders.

Brohi was reported traveling outside of New Delhi and could not be reached immediately for comment.

Turkey, China to cement links

PEKING, Dec. 19 (AP) — China's top leader Deng Xiaoping and Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkman agreed Saturday on major international issues and pledged to expand bilateral relations, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

"It is very important to expand relations between China and Turkey," Vice Chairman Deng said. "We have no differences on major international issues. We hope our coopera-

tion will be even better in the future," he said. Turkman said the interests of both coincide and the prospects for better relations and broad cooperation are good. Turkman said his people greatly admire China's achievements and present policies.

"We believed so long as the Chinese government continues to implement these policies, China's economy will develop rapidly," he said.

UNIFIL mandate extended

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 19 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council has extended the mandate of the U.N. Interim Force (UNIFIL) in southern Lebanon for another six months. By a vote of 13 to zero, with absentions from the Soviet Union and East Germany, the council Friday reaffirmed the original 1978 resolution setting up the peacekeeping force.

It was the 11th resolution on UNIFIL since 1978. The resolution did not call for an increase in the number of U.N.-sponsored troops — now at 6,000 from 11 countries — in Lebanon, despite a request earlier in the week from Ambassador Gbassan Tueni, Lebanon's permanent representative at the United Nations, for no less than 1,000 additional men.

The resolution extends UNIFIL's term until June 19, 1982. The U.N. peacekeeping force was sent into Lebanon three years ago to oversee the withdrawal of Israeli forces following their occupation of the territory. Israeli forces went into southern Lebanon to fight against Palestinian commandos.

The resolution also authorizes UNIFIL to work toward the restoration of international peace and security and to assist the Lebanese

government in ensuring the return of its effective authority in the area.

It calls on all parties concerned to work toward "consolidation" of the July 21, 1981 ceasefire and supports the reconstruction efforts made by the Lebanese government, "in particular, the restoration of Lebanese government authority in that region and deployment of substantial contingents of the Lebanese army in the area of operations of UNIFIL."

The resolution also requests that the U.N. secretary-general, a post to be held by Peruvian diplomat Javier Perez de Cuellar as of Jan. 1, 1982, continue discussions with the government in Beirut toward establishing "a joint phased program of activities to be carried out during the present mandate of UNIFIL, aimed at the total implementation" of the resolution.

And the resolution says the Security Council will review, within two months, the situation "as a whole."

"What we are asking without changing the mandate, is a more dynamic, more forceful, more determined exercise of UNIFIL's mandate," Tueni said, addressing the council.

Tueni said he supported the request by outgoing Secretary-General Kurt Wal-



Gbassan Tueni

deheim's that the council "give serious attention to the appropriate strength of UNIFIL." In a report released earlier this week, Waldheim said that UNIFIL was "stretched to the limit in carrying out its very demanding tasks."

Tueni asked that Lebanon's request for more troops be considered in this perspective.

Arab League chief confers with Mitterrand

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand met with Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klubi for more than an hour Friday to discuss Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

After the meeting, Klubi told reporters he had thanked Mitterrand for France's condemnation of the annexation.

"Israel must understand that its friends, whether they are in Europe or America, will not tolerate indefinitely its fait accompli," Klubi said.

Klubi also said he told Mitterrand France could play an important role in helping solve the Middle East crisis.

U.S. Congress doubles aid to Cyprus

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — Although a U.S. congressional agency says the need for U.S. relief aid to Cyprus has "greatly diminished" and the U.N. office handling the program wants to get out of it, Congress this week appropriated double the amount requested by the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

At a time when many federal budgets are being slashed, Congress voted \$15 million for aid to the Mediterranean island nation for the fiscal year ending October, 1982 — the same level approved for the past four years.

The administration of former President Jimmy Carter, in each of its last two years, requested only \$2 million but Congress upped the sums to \$15 million. The Reagan administration had asked for \$7.5 million.

"This is a political program," a congressional source said. Congress has voted the high levels of aid, the source said, because it felt that since the Turkish occupation of part of the island the Greek Cypriots have gotten "a raw deal."

Administration officials gave credit for the congressional action to the lobbying of Greek-American groups and effective work by the Cypriot Embassy.

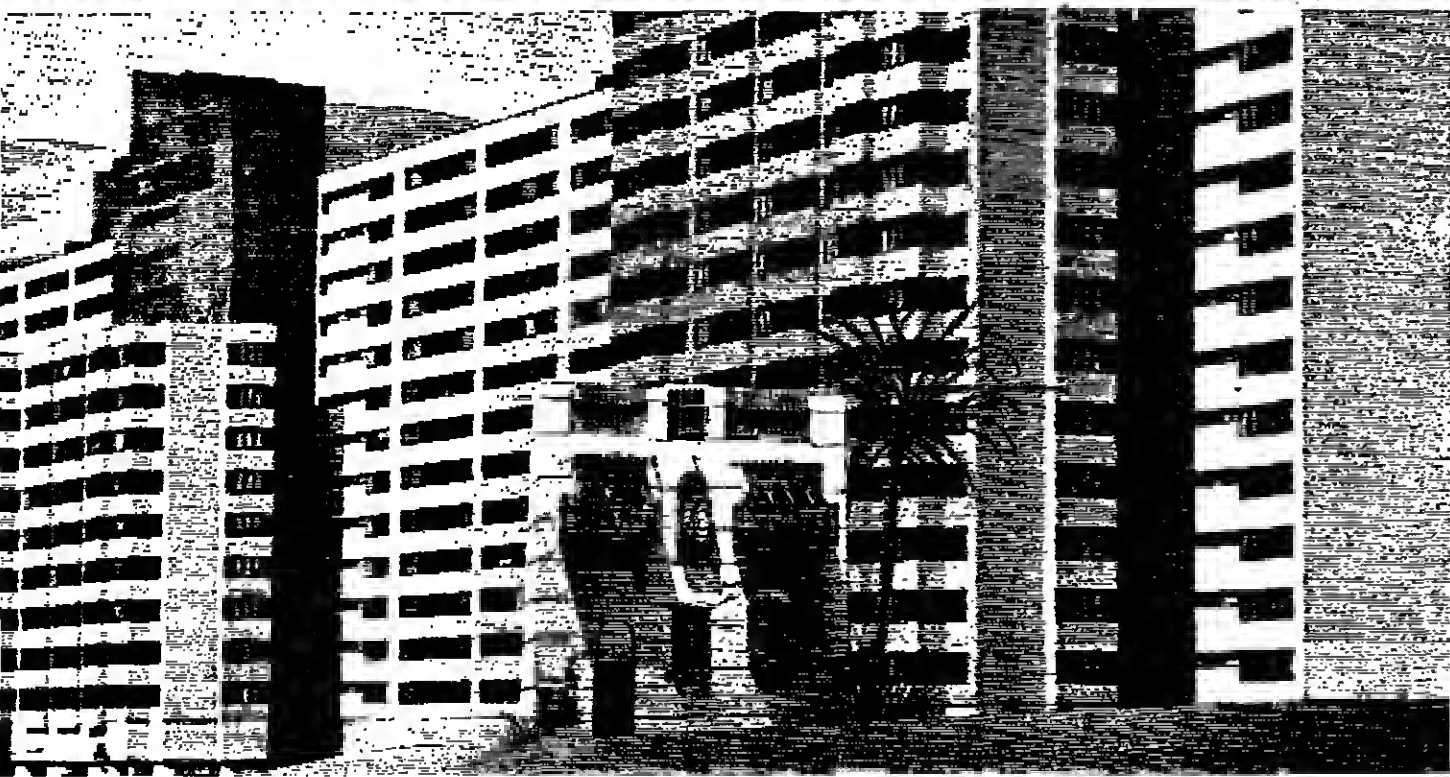
Communist China seeking Israeli advice on farms

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (AP) — Communist Chinese rural authorities want Israeli advice on planning agricultural villages, the *Maoist* newspaper has reported. The newspaper quoted Prof. Raanan Weitz, who attended a U.N.-sponsored development conference in Nagoya, Japan last week, as saying Communist Chinese experts told him they would like Israeli cooperation in developing their agricultural villages. Weitz heads the settlement department of Israel's Jewish Agency, a semi-governmental authority responsible for planning cooperative farms and rural settlements.

Weitz's spokesman refused to add to the newspaper report, published last Monday. He said the Israeli Foreign Ministry requested that his office refrain from releasing more information on the Communist Chinese contacts, which he described as delicate. If in private they expressed an interest in Israeli experience, said spokesman David Angel, it is not an official request. "Since the dialogue started on a personal level, we don't want to endanger it."

Weitz chaired a conference committee which compiled reports on village development in mainland China, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines. He said difficulties cited by the Communist Chinese experts at the conference were similar to those encountered by Israel in the early 1950s, and said the Chinese said their collective farms were changing from strict communal settlements to cooperative farmsteads similar to those in Israel.

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AP-NBC News poll shows

Americans favor ban on Libyan oil

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — Americans familiar with reports that Libya has dispatched an assassination team to kill President Ronald Reagan are 2-1 in favor of halting U.S. oil purchases from that country, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll.

The poll, however, also said there is little support for U.S. military action against Libya as a result of the reports. Telephone interviews with 1,602 adults across the country Monday and Tuesday were the basis for the poll.

U.S. officials reported earlier this month that Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi

had assembled a team of killers to assassinate President Reagan and other top American officials. Qaddafi denied the accusations and challenged the Reagan administration to prove the claims.

Amid tightened security at his news conference in Washington Thursday, Reagan said he believed the reports and said it would be "foolish" to relax increased security.

In the poll, 59 percent said they think the threat to Reagan is serious, while 22 percent said it was not and 19 percent were either not sure or said they had not heard or read of the reports.

Among those who said they had heard or

read of the assassination plot reports, 57 percent said the United States should stop buying oil from Libya, 27 percent said the United States should continue buying Libyan oil and 16 percent were not sure.

Eighty-seven percent of the poll respondents who had heard or read of the assassination reports said America should not take military action against Libya, compared with only 6 percent who said there should be a military response and 7 percent were not sure.

The results of AP-NBC News poll can vary from the opinions of all Americans because of chance variations in the sample.

Since Sadat's assassination

Tourism having bleak time in Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (ONS) — Egypt is looking forward to the holiday season with unusual enthusiasm. Holiday traffic in and out of Cairo is up, for a period at least, fill some of the aircraft seats and hotel rooms left empty by the missing tourists.

Since President Sadat's assassination, tourism here has been having a bleak time. Normally the industry would just be entering the peak season for visitors from Europe and the United States, which now provide over 50 percent of Egyptian tourist traffic.

Instead airlines are flying in half empty. For those heavily dependent on package tourists, the load is more like 25 percent of capacity. A journalist flew in from Rome last week on an Airbus with only eight passen-

gers, and this is by no means an isolated case. For the first time in years, getting a hotel room in Cairo is not a problem. Luxury hotels like the Sheraton and Hilton are still claiming 80 or 90 percent occupation, but their lobbies and coffee shops, normally inundated with tour groups, are unusually quiet.

The same goes for restaurants, where only local trade and visiting businessmen are keeping them afloat. There are tour groups but on nothing like the usual scale. Young budget travelers staying in cheap hotels and spending little predominate.

At hotels outside the city center, many of them recently built, occupancy is as low as 50 percent and this in a city where average occu-

pancy is well over 90 percent year-round. Taxi drivers are having a hard time as Egyptians relish the opportunity to haggle for lower fares.

For hotels in Luxor and Aswan, and for the Nile cruise boats, life is even tougher. The winter months are their peak period, yet occupancy is as low as 35 percent. Cruise boats are offering package trips for two-thirds the normal price.

The slump is not simply a blow to airlines and hoteliers. It hits the economy too. Tourism is Egypt's fourth largest source of foreign currency. Last year it brought in an official \$572 million but in reality much more, since so much currency is changed on the black market.

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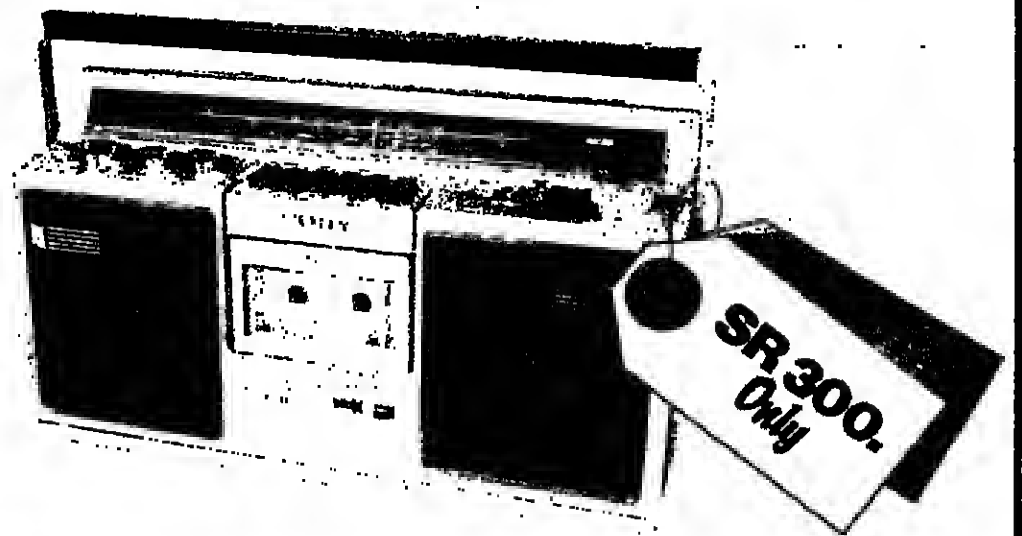
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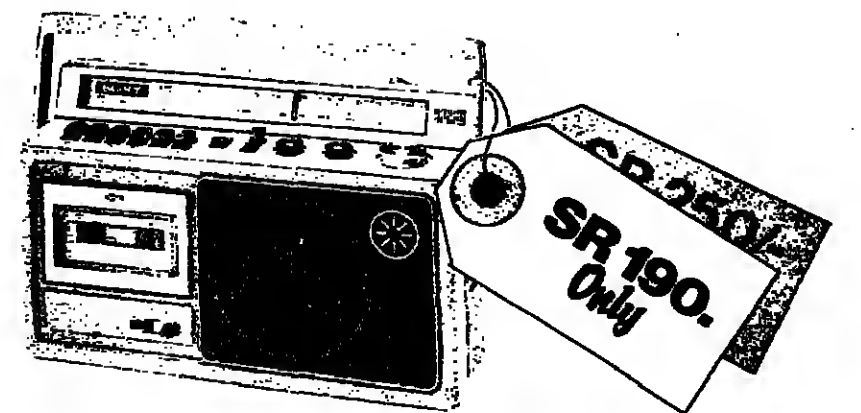
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What should the Arabs do next?

By Michael Adams

At the end of this month Britain's Lord Carrington will hand over the presidency of the European Council of Ministers to his Belgian counterpart. He will do so I imagine, with some relief, for it must be a thankless task to try to get the ten European governments to agree to anything substantial — almost as thankless as trying to get the 21 members of the Arab League to follow a concerted policy.

In one respect especially Lord Carrington will be feeling disappointed. When he assumed the presidency six months ago, it was widely suggested that he intended to make a real effort to promote a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. The "European initiative", so much talked about since the publication of the Venice Declaration by the European heads of state in June 1980, was at last to take shape as a positive program for action once the Camp David "peace process" had finally come to a standstill. That was what we all hoped and what Lord Carrington seemed set on achieving.

The chief obstacle seemed to be the attitude of the United States, whose obsession with the threat of Communist infiltration seemed to blind President Reagan and his colleagues in Washington to the danger of leaving the Arab-Israeli conflict unresolved. If only something could happen which might demonstrate to the Americans that they had got their priorities wrong, the way ahead would be much easier. Then the Americans might see that it had been a mistake to put the Palestine problem "on the back burner" (in their own phrase), and that Camp David, however one might argue about its merits and demerits, was not going to bring a comprehensive settlement any nearer. But what could that something be?

Then came the assassination of President Sadat and at once the atmosphere changed. The Americans, although they still showed little understanding of the fundamental importance of the Palestine problem, could not escape the realization that the Camp David framework, which was already

enfeebled by the opposition of the rest of the Arab world, might collapse altogether without Egypt's president to hold it together. And for the Europeans the message was clear: whether the Americans liked it or not, some alternative framework must be devised — and quickly — if the search for peace was to be maintained.

This seemed to be Lord Carrington's chance; and he saw close at hand a way of pursuing it. The Saudi Arabian peace plan which had been put forward by Crown Prince Fahd in August and had attracted world attention, offered exactly the kind of framework that was needed. It had two particular advantages: it carried with it the authority of the most powerful Arab government, and it contained nothing that was at variance with previous peace proposals. When Lord Carrington, acting in the name of the European Community, flew to Riyadh at the beginning of November, there seemed to be a real chance that out of his consultations with the Saudi Arabian government could emerge a joint Euro-Arab initiative which — provided it could win sufficiently wide backing in the Arab world — would present the Americans with an acute dilemma. If they supported it, they would face a hostile reaction from the Israelis and their powerful supporters in the United States. But if the Americans rejected a set of proposals which had the backing of their European allies and of the Arab government whose goodwill is most important to them, they would be dangerously isolated and they would have abandoned any pretence of being "evenhanded" in their approach to the Middle East.

Well, we all know what happened at the Arab summit in Fez — and that is one reason for Lord Carrington's disappointment in this last stage of his presidency in Brussels, another being the extraordinary behavior of the French foreign minister in apparently breaking ranks with the rest of the European Community over the usefulness of any European initiative in the Middle East. But I think it is important that we draw the right lesson from the Saudi Arabian peace plan.

I believe it marked a definite step forward; and I believe it illustrated an important fact which needs to be kept clearly in mind whenever the attempt is renewed, as I hope it will be. It was a step forward because it showed the world that Saudi Arabia is ready to use the tremendous influence at its disposal and to play an active part in determining the course of events in the Middle East. That is something which many of us have been waiting to see. And the important fact which this whole episode illustrates is that no outside power or group of powers can be a substitute for the Arabs themselves in shaping their own future. The initiative has to come from them and only when it has behind it a sufficiently wide consensus of Arab backing can the Europeans or anyone else give it useful support.

So what I hope we shall see now is a renewed effort to put together that Arab consensus, with more thorough preparation and with wider consultation than were given to the Saudi Arabian plan at Fez. Already the plan does have the support of a large number of Arab governments and there are others which would have supported it if they had not felt that they were being hurried — into a posi-

tion for which they were insufficiently prepared. There is a degree of momentum there which needs to be kept moving; to maintain it will require a major effort of diplomacy and persuasion.

As far as the Western world is concerned, I believe that there is a great deal of potential support for a renewed initiative along the lines of the plan, or the "moderate Arabs' plan", as I note that it is now being called. But that Western support will only become active, in my opinion, when two conditions are satisfied.

The first condition is that the new initiative should have behind it that clear Arab consensus of which I have spoken. And the other condition is that it would be made plain to the Western governments, both in Europe and in America, that their interests in the Middle East will be directly affected by the attitude they adopt. The approach of the carrot and the stick, which the government of the United States has adopted in its foreign relations, is one which the Arabs might practise as well. And I think the Arabs would do well to be perfectly explicit about the benefits and the penalties which they would distribute to those who support and those who oppose them in their pursuit of legitimate Arab interests.

Uncertainty about what the Arabs really want and what they are prepared to do to achieve it has been very harmful to the Arab cause. It has encouraged their enemies to ignore the just demands of the Arabs, and it has discouraged some of those who would like to be their friends from being more active in their support. There should be an end to this uncertainty.

Argentina rejects mediation on Beagle dispute

By Jane Klims

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's military government is groping for a way out of a year-old Vatican mediation proposal which rejected its claims in a border dispute with Chile. Despite foreign ministry expressions of full confidence in Pope John Paul's arbitration over who should control three tiny islands in the Beagle Channel off South America's southern tip, diplomatic sources said Buenos Aires would never agree to the solution.

For Argentina, Chile's administration of Pictou, Lennox and Nueva and rights to surrounding resource-rich waters contravene a century-old tacit principle under which the Atlantic is Argentine and the Pacific Chilean.

Argentina replied last week to the papal suggestion after a year of feet-dragging, but the undisclosed contents only reaffirm its traditional position, the sources said. Chile accepted the proposal with minor reservations last January. The sources expected that by next June the government will have flown in the face of the Catholic Church here and denounced the arbitration, employing a December 1972 treaty with Chile.

The treaty provided for a peaceful solution to all border disputes, allowing either side to take any case unilaterally to the International Court of Justice if no settlement is reached through arbitration.

If the treaty is not denounced by one or other signatory up to six months before it expires in December next year, it will automatically be renewed for another 10 years. This would mean, one diplomat said, that "the sword of Damocles of Chile's cast-iron case before the International Court would be hanging over Argentina for another decade."

He added that he expected Argentina to denounce the treaty before June, throwing the affair back into the non-legal arena of claims and counter-claims prior to 1972. It will not be the first time Argentina has rejected an arbitration judgment on the dispute.

Argentina and Chile were placed on a partial war footing in 1978 when a panel of independent international jurists in the service of the British Crown — nominated as arbitrator of such disputes in an 1881 delimitation treaty — found the islands were Chilean. Argentina rejected the decision.

The tension was defused by the mediation offer from the Pope after shuttle diplomacy between the two countries by his special envoy, Cardinal Antonio Samore. Relations between the Argentine

delegates and Samore have been strained since the mediation began. There have been accusations of bias because he has a Chilean secretary and newspapers have said he had little patience with Argentine delays.

Argentina has spent the year seeking clarification of the proposal under which a peace zone with negotiated joint economic exploitation rights would be created from the islands' 12-mile limit to the 200-mile national waters boundary. A three-mile radius from the islands would be Chilean, and the remaining nine-mile strip would be under shared maritime jurisdiction.

The Argentine government, unwilling to recognize any rights but its own to the area, countered the Pope's suggestion with a new proposal in October.

Diplomatic sources said that in an attempt to divert attention from a specific issue they know they cannot win, the Argentines indicated that the Pope

should deal with the Beagle affair within a wider mediation framework of Argentine-Chilean bilateral differences.

On Oct. 16, a letter delivered to the Argentine Foreign Ministry by Papal Nuncio Ubaldo Calabresi said such mediation was allowed for in the original proposal but the Pope's specific brief at present was the Beagle dispute.

The anniversary of the mediation provoked feverish activity in the Catholic Church here and in Chile. A total of about two million young people's signatures were collected in both countries for presentation to the Pope during a day of prayer in support of the peace process.

The archbishop of Cordoba, Raul Francisco Primatesta, recently drew a grim picture of the consequences of an armed conflict with Chile, saying Argentine homes would be used as arms-testing targets and no-one would survive. — (R)

POLISH SITUATION

The Polish story so far.

Giant Soviet transport planes have been landing in Warsaw, bringing not the dreaded red hordes but food and medicine. The Polish army appears to be well in command of the situation. Many arrests have been made; many scattered attempts at striking quashed. The aim is to get the nation back to work, so that the country can pay its way rather than sit around waiting for aid from the United States.

In two day's time, the leaders of the Warsaw Pact, Poland's leader Gen. Jaruzelski among them, will meet to discuss the crisis. The general is to report on the situation and ask for more help to overcome the country's economic debacle. It is certain that the general will not ask for military aid. The forces under his disposal appear to be equal to the task.

The Polish leadership's immediate concern is to obtain the \$450 million required to service their country's external debt — this is the still unpaid 1981 installment.

For the Western banks which are Poland's creditors, this is far from bad news. The country will have to go further into debt, this time through a high interest rate bridging loan. Both Western banks and Western governments think that the army takeover is the best thing that can happen in Poland, whatever the news media and public opinion might say.

Portugal returns to Africa

LISBON — Samora Machel declared Portugal a "go-between" in Mozambique's relations with Europe. The hope is that the Portuguese will be able to develop joint ventures with other foreign partners across this "bridge" to an increasingly important market.

There is one area, that of arms supplies, which the Portuguese will probably keep to themselves. The final joint communiqué pledged Portugal to sell arms and ammunition to Mozambique, thus extending the present treaty of cooperation which provides for Portuguese assistance in training the Mozambique armed forces.

A presidential aide later confirmed that Lisbon is negotiating substantial arms contracts with Maputo and is considering stationing a crack military unit in the former colony to aid its defense.

Such a deal could have far-reaching implications for Portugal, a NATO member. It comes hard on the heels of a statement by Pretoria that South Africa will give aid to the anti-Marxist Mozambique National Resistance Movement (MNR) responsible for several spectacular acts of sabotage inside the country in the past two years.

This movement, formerly based in Rhodesia, is believed to have the backing of ex-Mozambique settlers living in South Africa and has blown up rail and road bridges, oil storage tanks, and power lines between the Cabora Bassa hydroelectric scheme and South Africa.

When Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes returned triumphant from his state visit to Mozambique and two other African nations last week the advantages of the trip seemed more symbolic than concrete.

Portugal's return to Africa seven years after decolonization was an attempt to make amends and underline Lisbon's interest in the problems of the region, especially a settlement of the war in Namibia.

The Portuguese head of state went out of his way during his six-day stay in Mozambique to show genuine friendship. Perhaps the most significant moment came when, at his own request, he laid a wreath at the monument to the guerrillas who lost their lives in the colonial war. His gesture impressed Maputo, especially as he himself had served in the country against some of the men now in office.

Portugal is itself too poor and underdeveloped to be able to offer much physical aid to Mozambique but Maputo made it clear that Portuguese assistance in rebuilding the economy, together with an increase in the number of Portuguese contract workers, would be welcomed.

The Portuguese businessmen who accompanied the president are hampered by Lisbon's ability to extend adequate credit lines to Mozambique to buy Portuguese products. Nevertheless, President

Letter to the editor

Saudi Arabia and pilgrims

Sir,

As a Kenyan Muslim who came to perform the Haj this year with fellow Muslims from all corners of the world I find it unfair to leave this God blessed country of Saudi Arabia without expressing publicly my most sincere gratitude to Allah for having enabled the Kingdom under its most dynamic leadership of His Majesty King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, the royal family, the ministers and the people of Saudi Arabia to look after the huge masses of pilgrims from all over the world.

The Saudi Arabian leaders are to be highly commended for the tremendous sacrifices. They are always prepared to make the pilgrims stay a success. Their task is most strenuous. The large number of Kenyan Muslims, like their fellow brother Muslims from other parts of the world highly appreciate the well-known concern of the Saudi government toward Muslims the world over in all spheres of life, particularly in education and religious teachings. In Saudi Arabia, the Saudi authorities and people are most hospitable toward visiting Muslims.

The Saudi generosity in backing up Muslims activities both morally and materially is well known. During my stay in the Kingdom, while performing the Haj, I have noticed that the whole of the Saudi society, the royal family, the armed forces, the civil authorities, the police, boy-scouts and even Saudi individual nationals are all geared to making the Hajis have a comfortable stay.

Finally, I pray to Allah that He continues to bless King Khalid, the faithful Crown Prince Fahd, all members of the royal family, the government and people of Saudi Arabia in their endeavors to upgrade the Muslim status worldwide.

Yours sincerely,
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Emigration wave underway

Polish refugees increase

By Michael Dobbs
 WARSAW (WP) — Even before last week's Polish crisis, every evening, just before 6, the grandly named Chopin Express pulls out of a suburban Warsaw railway station bound for Austria. The passengers are predominantly young, enterprising and traveling out of a sense of despair. Most are leaving their homeland for good.

The travelers aboard the daily train to Vienna form just part of the biggest wave of emigration from Poland since the Communist takeover after World War II. Disenchanted with life here and future prospects, more and more Poles are turning their backs on their own society with the hope of starting afresh in the West.

The birth of the independent trade union movement Solidarity in August 1980 released great hopes for reforms in the Communist system. But, as the economic and political problems have mounted, the initial optimism has dwindled. Many young Poles are no longer prepared to wait to see how the revolution turns out.

Other Communist countries in Eastern Europe have experienced similar waves of emigration in the past. An estimated 180,000 Hungarians fled their homeland after the Soviet invasion in 1956. And in 1968, the crushing of Czechoslovakia's experiment in "socialism with a human face" resulted in an exodus of 100,000 Czechoslovaks. What is remarkable about the present exodus from Poland, however, is that it is taking place before rather than after any major act of repression by either the Polish authorities or the Kremlin.

This year, according to officials here, the number of permanent Polish refugees is likely to reach the 1968 Czechoslovak level. Another 100,000 or so Poles are believed to have extended their stay in the West on a temporary basis. In the event of a Soviet invasion or the imposition of martial law, they too are unlikely to return.

By contrast, in 1980 only 8,000 or so Poles stayed permanently abroad. The refugees leave by whatever means they can. Practically every Polish tour group to the West loses one or two of its members these days, and sometimes the number of defections is spectacular. When the Polish cruise ship *Stefan Batory* docked in Montreal last month, 106 passengers and four crew members asked for asylum.

The rate of attempted or successful hijackings of Polish internal flights by would-be emigrants is running at two or three a month. Last September, for example, a group of 12 young men hijacked a Warsaw-bound plane to West Berlin. Another 12 passengers took the opportunity of staying in the West with the result that, when the plane finally got back to Warsaw, it was half empty.

The most popular route to the West, however, is the Chopin Express. The scene at Warsaw's Gdansk Railway Station the other day, as the train was preparing to leave, was somber and sad. Practically all refugees travel under the guise of tourists and are thus violating Poland's passport laws which require them to return home by a fixed date. Final goodbyes with family and friends had been said long before and the platform was almost empty.

Emigration remains a sensitive topic in Poland, and is strongly discouraged by the government. There is, therefore, little documentation on the reasons for the recent upsurge. But the evidence suggests that it is due to a mixture of liberalized passport regulations and a growing feeling of hopelessness about conditions in Poland.

Maciek, a 30-year-old interior decorator who is planning to emigrate to Australia, said he was fed up with the empty shops, Poland's maddeningly inefficient economic system and what he described as "all the Communist jargon and double talk" on radio and television.

"I have never been abroad before. But there's a little tick in my brain that keeps on telling me that life is better in the West," he said in an interview given on the condition that he would not be quoted by his full name. Maciek said he had been planning to leave Poland for a long time. Ten years ago, he explained, he had been denied a passport to go to West Germany because the police objected to his long hair and "unruly behavior" as a student. It was only this year that he thought it worthwhile reapplying, and the passport was duly issued.

Asked whether he supported Solidarity, he replied: "Sure, I'm all for them. But I don't think they've much chance of changing this system in a positive way." Anna, a 28-year-old Solidarity activist who is hoping to go to America, said her main reason for leaving was that she could not lead a normal life in Poland.

"I would have to wait another seven or eight years to get an apartment of my own. I feel nervous here as though I'm always having to fight against something," she complained. If Maciek and Anna do finally succeed in leaving Poland, they will be following a well-trodden path. Emigration has been a recurring feature of Polish history, particularly at times of crisis. In the 19th Century, a succession of insurrections against Russian rule produced waves after wave of political exiles.

The most dramatic took place exactly 150 years ago, following the collapse of the 1830 uprising, when virtually the entire Polish intelligentsia moved to Paris. Among the Polish exiles living in France at that time was Frederic Chopin, the composer who has given his name to today's Vienna-bound train.

The tradition of emigration, for both political and economic reasons, continued into the 20th Century when Poland again became an independent nation. Edmund Osmańczyk, a journalist who chairs the subcommittee on citizenship in the Polish parliament, estimates that today every second Polish citizen has a close relative living abroad.

In an interview, Osmańczyk insisted that the present wave of emigration was unique because it was exclusively economic in character. The issue of motivation for emigration is controversial since some recipient countries, notably the United States, give priority to applicants for political asylum. This practice has been much criticized in Poland. Some would-be emigrants say that to gain admission to the United States they are obliged to invent instances of political repression.

Departures unpredictable, Thailand is avoided

By William Branigan

BANGKOK, Thailand, (WP) — After an unexpected surge early this year that alarmed refugee officials, the number of Vietnamese boat people arriving at other shores in the region has dropped off sharply in the second half of the year compared to the same period in 1980. Various explanations exist for this development, not least the vagaries of the monsoon. But refugee officials here say a major factor is a crackdown on illegal departures because the exodus is severely damaging the country's economically fishing fleet.

Despite the crackdown, however, it is clear that Vietnamese are continuing to try to flee their homeland and that the rate of departures remains essentially unpredictable. It also appears that there is little other countries can do to discourage the Vietnamese from leaving. They keep coming out despite increasingly vicious pirate attacks and various aspects of "bumane deterrence."

According to U.S. statistics, less than 17,000 Vietnamese boat people arrived in the region from July through October 1981 compared to a little more than 24,000 during the same period last year. "I attribute this to a shortage of boats and enforcement of Vietnam's policy on illegal emigration," a U.S. refugee official said. He said there was no evidence that a U.S. decision this year to reduce the intake of Vietnamese refugees from 160,000 to 100,000 has deterred boat people from leaving their country.

The official said that aside from concern about the fishing fleet, he believed another Vietnamese motive in cracking down on illegal departures was that they continued to reflect badly on Hanoi's international image. At the same time, officials said, the Vietnamese have allowed a sharp increase in legal emigration under the U.N.-sponsored Orderly Departure Program. The number of these departures started going up in September and reached a high of 1,723 in October — more than double the monthly rate earlier in the year — before dropping in November because of technical problems in arranging aircraft, a U.N. official said.

Some officials speculate that the rise in orderly departures might be linked to the concerns about keeping boats in Vietnam. According to Western diplomats, Vietnam has been hurt not only by losses of boats, but by the disappearance of engines, fuel and skilled people. Because of the tightened restrictions against boat-people departures, the Vietnamese have not had the freedom to fish

that they had before, diplomats said. In addition, they said, Vietnamese authorities have been pressing ahead with efforts to "collectivize" fishing by requiring fishermen to turn over their catches to the government. "All this has hurt the fishing industry," one diplomat said. He noted that fish constitutes "a principal source of protein" for the Vietnamese. Combined with shortages of other foods, notably rice, the decline of the fishing industry thus threatens more widespread malnutrition in Vietnam, diplomats said.

Western diplomats and Thai officials also report an influx of Vietnamese fishermen into neighboring Cambodia, which is occupied by as many as 200,000 Vietnamese troops. Vietnamese fishermen have been going into Cambodia for at least a year and have established fishing settlements on the shores of the Tonle Sap Lake and on both banks of the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers, according to refugee reports quoted by the officials.

According to one report, the Cambodian deputy director of the fisheries department in the Phnom Penh government's ministry of agriculture said earlier this year that one reason she defected and fled to Thailand was that the Vietnamese were taking over the Cambodian fishing industry. The former official asserted that fishing equip-

ment donated by international relief organizations was reaching these Vietnamese settlers.

Besides decimating its sea-going fishing fleet, the boat-people exodus has hit the Hanoi government with a brain drain. According to U.S. surveys, Vietnam has lost a lot of Viet Cong cadre as well as doctors and members of the middle class.

In one recent random sample of arriving boat people, most were middle-class city dwellers, and 30 percent had either worked for the U.S. government in Vietnam or had been closely associated with its policies and programs. Only 7 percent were farmers and fishermen.

Earlier this year some refugee officials were alarmed by a sudden spurt in arrivals of boat people in the region, especially during the spring when the number increased 25 percent from last year. For the first half of the year, a total of 49,239 boat people arrived in various Asian countries compared to 40,587 in the first half of 1980, according to U.N. figures. Although the arrivals were far fewer than during the exodus of 1979, some officials saw a worrisome trend.

Nevertheless, overall boat-people arrivals in the region declined during the second half of the year, with Thailand showing an especially sharp drop. The arrivals in Thailand during the first half of the year averaged 2,570 a month compared to 2,360 a month during the same

period last year. But in the second half of this year the average has plunged to about 400 a month through the end of November, compared to 1,023 a month for the same period in 1980.

Refugee officials attribute this change primarily to fear of Thai pirates, whose attacks on Vietnamese refugees have been growing more frequent and brutal. A second reason, they said, is a tougher Thai government policy designed to discourage Vietnamese refugees.

Thailand announced several months ago that after Aug. 15, arriving Vietnamese boat people would no longer be eligible for resettlement but would be placed indefinitely in austere camps. These factors have not stanchied the flow of boat people, but have made many of them try to avoid Thailand. In fact, according to refugee officials, a number of Vietnamese arriving on Thai shores have asked to be towed out to sea to make the short jump from Thai to Malaysian territory.

The Thai government evidently encourages this. It has instructed Thai district authorities to provide fuel, food and water and to repair Vietnamese boats — up to a cost of about \$300 per boat — if the Vietnamese want to continue their "onward journey," refugee officials said. Partly as a result, only 235 boat people arrived in Thai camps in October, compared to 2,384 in Malaysia, according to U.N. figures.



REFUGEES ARRIVE: Vietnamese boat people abandon ship and swim for shore after a long sea journey. Now if they land in Thailand they are either being sent to camps or are being encouraged to continue on to Malaysia.

Mercenary attack on Seychelles poorly prepared; its failure could mean the end of similar attempts

By Bernard Debusmann

VICTORIA, Seychelles, (R) — Hands tightly manacled behind his back, the captured mercenary blinked into the blazing tropical sun as he stepped from the half-light of his prison cell to face journalists' questions on his role in an attempt to overthrow the government. He shuffled uncomfortably in front of the green cell door and explained that for a down payment of \$1,000 and the promise of another \$10,000, he had agreed to take part

in an operation to reinstate the former president.

"Mongon, Montson? I'm not sure of his name," said 38-year-old Aubrey Brooks, one of six mercenaries captured here after an all-night battle for the international airport last month. The Nov. 25 fighting shattered the calm of an Indian Ocean archipelago chiefly known as a tropical holiday paradise, with beaches of brilliant white sand, crystalline blue waters, lush green jungle mountains, and a people with a reputation for non-violence.

Brooks' admission of ignorance provided an illuminating post-script to the abortive coup attempt in the Seychelles. (In a radio interview in London, former President James Mancham said the first he knew of the coup attempt was when an anonymous telephone caller appealed to him to support a resistance movement in the Seychelles.)

The inglorious end of the operation — most of the men involved fled by hijacking an airliner to South Africa when the going got tough — was in stark contrast to the romantic picture of mercenaries painted by novels and films such as *The Dogs Of War* or *The Wild Geese*.

Despite the glamor often associated with white mercenaries in Africa, few operations carried out by "dogs of war" in recent years have been successful. Those that failed range from the rout, capture and eventual execution of American and British mercenaries in the Angolan Civil War to the hasty retreat of a planeload of soldiers of fortune from Cotacotum, capital of what then Dahomey is now Benin.

The mercenary invaders of the Seychelles flew into this island capital aboard a chartered DC-9 and took off again as soon as they realized they might have to do battle on a larger scale than they had expected.

Only one mercenary operation in recent years was entirely successful — the May 13, 1978, coup which toppled Ali Soilih, president of the Indian Ocean islands of the Comoros, and restored his predecessor, Ahmed Abdallah.

The Comoros coup was spearheaded by a band of white mercenaries led by French-born Boh Denard, a veteran of African jungle warfare in the 1960s, when the Congo was a byword for anarchy, chaos and coup.

Denard fought alongside Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare in the "5 commando" which pushed several hundred miles through the Congolese jungle to rescue white civilians encircled by anti-government rebels in Stanleyville, now Kisangani.

Hoare's Congo exploits formed the basis of the film *The Wild Geese* which the mercenary leader was portrayed by Richard Burton. Now 62, Hoare is alleged by one of the mercenary captives to have led the attempt to topple the Seychelles Socialist government of President Albert Rene. He was one of 44 men who fled to the South African port of Durban by taking over an airliner when government troops gained the upper hand.

One of the prisoners held in the Seychelles capital of Victoria, Marin Dolincheck, told reporters he had arrived in advance of the

main party to carry out reconnaissance for Hoare and brief him on arrival at the airport. "When he landed, he came to the car park. I went to him and I immediately realized that he had the wrong people," Dolincheck said in answer to questions by journalists.

A Seychelles security official, obviously concerned that further elaboration might detract from the success of government troops, cut off further details on the quality of Hoare's men.

The operation failed because an alert customs officer spotted the barrel of a Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifle in the luggage of a member of a party of 45 — all carrying suitcases adorned with large stickers to denote membership of a fictitious club. They arrived here on a scheduled flight from Swaziland.

Some diplomats here said the fiasco at Pointe Laree International Airport could herald the end of military action by white mercenaries. But another school of thought held that the way South Africa banded those who escaped might spur soldiers of fortune into fresh adventures. After detaining the 44 for a few days, South Africa released them all — 39 unconditionally and five on bail, including Hoare. In a message to the current chairman of the

Kingdom's hospitals keeping pace; new surgery techniques introduced

By Naeem A. Toosy

JEDDAH. — Amid the increased vigor of the arms race and a new wave of violence, another type of "renaissance" is also gaining momentum. The rebirth in clinical research and discoveries doesn't promise to be an end unto itself but rather a harbinger pointing toward new medicinal and surgical cures for today's "top problems." This renaissance seems to have sprung up as a result of the recent technological revolution involving the emergence of lasers, sophisticated computers and progress in the field of microelectronics.

For the first time in a long time the experts are being oodled with new information, and it has been even longer since the public took an active interest in science. For the skeptics the advent of books like those of Dr. Lewis Thomas which often appear on the best-seller lists is ample proof of renewed public interest.

Another reason for renewed public interest has been advancement of surgery in countries like Saudi Arabia. Here hospitals are springing up all over the place equipped with modern intensive-care units, incubators and extremely advanced radiological diagnostic units to assist surgeons. New surgeons in such hospitals as the King Faisal Specialist hospital (performing open heart surgeries) and long-serving, experienced surgeons (one of which has been performing total-bip transplantations, for the last decade) have increased public confidence in modern medicine.

will control the inflow of calcium ion in the heart. Calcium is believed to be an important chemical governing the stimulation and subsequent contraction of the heart muscle. Says cardiologist Eugene Braunwald calcium blockers "are too good to be true." Another technique has been to insert a catheter with a balloon on the other end into a narrowed artery. After the balloon has been centered it is inflated to widen the artery. This inexpensive procedure (balloon angioplasty) is probably the answer to at least 3 percent of the by-pass operations. Recently cardio-vascular research has produced "a succession of miracles after another," as Roman DeSanctis of Massachusetts General Hospital describes it.

Britain can be said to have been the Italy of orthopaedic renaissance where this zest for innovation seems to have originated by such men as prof. Sir John Charnley and Dr. Thomas Barlow approximately 20 years ago. Here the cooperation between surgeon and engineer and the emergence of a new breed, the biomedical engineer, has made artificial joint implanting and designing relatively trouble-free. Approximately 50,000 Britons alone are walking around with artificial joints.

An eveo greater miracle was seen recently when an artificial heart was transplanted in a human and helped sustain life for two days until a donor heart could be brought in. Experimental hearts have sustained life in calves for months. A designer of artificial hearts says "if it survives a day, it is likely to survive a year."

ple or vice-versa, for example in a Manchester hospital a boy's height was reduced from 6 ft. 11 in. to 6 ft. 3 in. and a woman's height was reduced from 6 ft. 7 in. to a more practical 6 feet. Limbs can be lengthened by as much as four inches by repeated surgery and long term traction. A new drug Pepcid-40, under experimentation, is thought to be 100 times more potent than ordinary and could help ease the pain of arthritis patients universally.

Ophthalmology has also been advancing by leaps and bounds. Glasses have been replaced by contact lenses, implantable lenses and more recently an operation called Radial Keratotomy. The Radial K, as it is commonly known, entails making fine incisions in a concentric pattern projected onto the eye-ball. One eye-surgeon says that "I haven't found one person who really needs this operation. All the neurotics in the world want a Radial K. They think not wearing glasses will change their life — like a nose job."

Some of the more "needed" ophthalmic procedures includes the development of a tool called the phako-emulsifier which vibrates at 40,000 cycles per second and thus shatters the clouded lens of the eye in a condition called cataract. Large retinal tears which fold the retina over itself have in the past been attempted to be straightened by a jet of water or surgical instruments usually compounding the damage. Now surgeons at Boston's Retina Associates have solved the problem by performing operation in patients that are suspended up-side-down to let gravity do the trick.



BABY UNICORNS: These two four-month-old baby unicorns are thought to be the first born since Medieval times nearly 500 years ago. Two weeks after they were born, a single horn began to grow from the center of their heads. The horns are now growing at a rate of one inch per month.

Belgium stresses loyalty to NATO

BRUSSELS, Belgium Dec. 19 (AP) — Belgium's new center-right government stressed its loyalty to the NATO alliance's decision to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, sworn into office Thursday, also said Friday Belgium "will review every six months in consultation with its allies" the progress made at the U.S.-Soviet arms reduction talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

"Within the framework of the alliance," he said Belgium "will draw the necessary conclusions" based on the results of these talks. The security of our country is based on the solidarity of the NATO allies," he added. According to NATO plan, 48 of 572 medium-range missiles would be deployed in Belgium by 1983.

Martens, as part of his austerity program, asked the parliament for emergency powers until the end of 1982 to straighten out the Belgian economy.

Belgium's unemployment, according to Common Market figures, stands at 12.8 percent, the highest rate in the Common Market. Belgian official figures show it to be 10.18 percent, which is a national record.

The new government is made up of Christian Democrats and Liberals. Each political group is split into a Dutch and French-speaking camps, making the new government a four-party alliance. It holds 113 of the 212 legislative seats.

New helicopter tested

CULVER CITY, California, Dec. 19 (AP) — The successful test flight of the world's first helicopter without a tail rotor was announced by the Hughes Helicopter Corporation.

The firm announced that it has replaced the back rotor, which maintains the stability and maneuverability of the helicopter, with an air-circulating system that improves safety and lowers maintenance costs. It said the modified helicopters would not be put on the market before the late 1980s.

After days of preparation Balloon flight postponed

JAIPUR, India Dec. 19 (AP) — After days of preparations and hours of uncertainty, the re-launch of the balloon *Jules Verne* on its globe-circling flight was postponed early Saturday for at least two days and possibly weeks.

Balloonist Maxie Anderson emerged from the flag-draped gondola just before 2 a.m. (2030 GMT Friday) and told a weary ground crew that it appeared that the swift surface winds that had prevented inflation of the 20-story tall balloon were not going to abate in time to launch before favorable weather conditions aloft deteriorated.

"I hate to give up but I think we're just wasting our time," Anderson said. Anderson, 47, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, said the next potentially favorable weather system would arrive over northern India on Monday and that it might be possible to launch the *Jules Verne* then.

If not, he and co-pilot Don Ida face the onset of holidays and likely would dismiss

their volunteer crew, putting off a re-launch for several weeks.

Anderson called the onset of brisk surface winds "ironic" because this had not been a launch factor in the 10 days that the crew has been waiting in Jaipur, India's "pink city," for favorable weather conditions aloft.

Anderson and Ida of Boulder, Colorado launched the first leg of the flight from Egypt last Feb. 12. The mission covered 4,553 kms before a leaking vent on the balloon envelope forced them to land in northwest India.

From Jaipur, about 480 kms southwest of the February landing site, the crew hopes to steer *Jules Verne* on a more southerly course that will miss the highest Himalayan peaks.

This time a "chase plane" will monitor their planned flight across parts of three continents, the Pacific and the Atlantic.

Ida and Anderson hope for winds of at least 160 kms an hour to enable them to move eastward at least 3,200 kms a day.

Kennedy killing

U.S. panel rejects '2 gunmen' theory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — A draft report by a National Academy of Sciences committee concludes that the "two gunmen" theory of the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy is probably wrong, NBC television news reported Friday night.

Spokesmen for the academy said, however, the report had not been reviewed and NBC quoted the chairman of the panel, Professor Norman Ramsely of Harvard University, as warning that changes were possible.

The "two gunmen" theory arose from the work of acoustic consultants to the now-defunct house select committee on assassinations. That committee said there was a high probability that two gunmen fired at President Kennedy, based on "scientific acoustical evidence."

That evidence, examined by the house committee's consultants, was a police tape recording made the day Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Texas on Nov. 22, 1963. The consultants said they believed the tape caught the sound of a second gunman's shot — a conclusion challenged by Federal Bureau of Investigation experts a year ago.

The house committee also said Kennedy was in fact killed by the third of three shots fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. The commit-

tee's 1979 report was the first official challenge to the official view that Oswald acted alone.

NBC said the select committee has been informed that the academy's panel will refute the committee's conclusion that the sounds heard on the police tape are gunshots.

The academy panel originally has charged with reviewing the methods used by the house committee experts and deciding whether they were sound. The report at first was due last April, then in August, and now, according to spokesman Howard Lesis, is due at the end of January.

Soviet submarine spied, Sweden says

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (R) — A Soviet submarine that ran aground in Swedish waters last October was most probably spying, the Swedish defense staff said.

The conclusion was contained in published extracts of an officially classified report submitted to the government by Sweden's armed forces' commander. The extracts did not say exactly what intelligence mission the submarine was on when it ran aground in a restricted zone near a major Baltic naval base

Actors deny top award to Reagan

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 19 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, a former six-term president and life member of the Screen Actors Guild, has been denied the union's top award this year even though he received the highest number of votes for the honor, SAG officials said.

Confirming published reports that Reagan was denied the guild's top honor because of what the union perceived as his anti-labor attitude, SAG officials said it would have awarded American labor to give Reagan the award. SAG officials cited particularly Reagan's firing of the air traffic controllers who struck illegally last summer.

"It would have been such a blatant slap in the face to the rest of the labor movement that it was deemed at this time inappropriate," SAG spokeswoman Kim Fellner said Friday.

Fellner said the vote by the 99-member SAG national directorate was "overwhelmingly" in favor of rejecting an awards committee recommendation that the honor go to Reagan.

Instead, the directors decided to give no award at all — a move that was interpreted as a means of avoiding embarrassment to Reagan.

SAG President Ed Asner, who has criticized Reagan's labor stance in the past, said Friday the directors voted against giving the award to Reagan by a 4-1 margin. Asner maintained there had not been enough time to select another award-winner prior to last Sunday's awards ceremony at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Talks on southern Africa

U.S. hails Angola offer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The United States is encouraged by the willingness of the government of southern Africa, presumably including the Cuban troops in Angola, the State Department said.

"We consider this an important and very positive statement to which we have responded in a similarly positive manner through diplomatic channels," said spokesman Dean Fischer on Friday.

The offer to talk to the United States on "matters of mutual interest" was made on Dec. 10 by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos. Cuba has maintained more than 15,000 troops in Angola for the last five years.

The United States has often said that those troops were a stumbling block to winning independence for neighboring Namibia,

which has been governed by South Africa under a League of Nations mandate canceled by the United Nations in 1966.

Fischer also said President Ronald Reagan is reserving his right to move next year for "clean repeal" of the so-called Clark amendment, which prohibits sending U.S. aid to any faction in Angola.

Fischer said that although Reagan has no plans to provide such assistance he wants the measure repealed because it represents an unacceptable restriction on the president's powers to conduct foreign affairs.

The Senate voted to repeal the provision this year, but the House of Representatives refused and the House-Senate Conference Committee on the foreign aid bill left the Clark amendment on the books rather than jeopardize the first foreign aid appropriation in three years.

Daily News put up for sale

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — The New York *Daily News*, the United States' second largest daily newspaper, is up for sale, the parent Tribune Co. announced.

"We have been approached on a number of occasions in the recent past by people expressing an interest in acquiring the *Daily News*," said Stanton R. Cook, president of the Tribune Co., which is based in Chicago and also publishes the *Chicago Tribune*. "The answer has always been no."

"Today we are saying that we would now be receptive to serious offers. To maintain the position of the *Daily News* in the New York market in our judgment will require among other things additional capital investment," he said.

"Our assessment of Tribune Co.'s resources and opportunities led us to the conclusion we are announcing today," he said.

The Tribune Co. said the investment banking firm of Salomon Brothers, Inc., has been retained to represent it in any sale.

The *News* lists a circulation of 1.5 million daily and more than 2 million on Sunday. These totals have been rising in recent months, according to the newspaper's advertisements. Only the *Wall Street Journal* has a greater U.S. circulation.

Last August, the Tribune Co. folded the unsuccessful night edition of the *Daily News*, a venture into afternoon publishing with a reported circulation of under 100,000.

At the time, it was announced that the *Daily News* operated at a loss in its second quarter of 1981. The closing of the night edition left the city with only one general circulation afternoon newspaper, Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*, which currently claims a circulation of 850,000 daily and rising.

Era of isolation ends, Obote says

KAMPALA, Uganda, Dec. 19 (AP) — President Milton Obote marked his first year in office by claiming Uganda has ended its "era of shame and isolation."

Obote told parliament Friday that last December's elections which returned him to power after 10 years were fair — and the idea of new elections contained "the seeds of chaos."

Since last February, bands of guerrillas claiming Obote rigged the election have been attacking government and military installations. They have demanded new hallooting. The country's undisciplined army has launched a series of counterattacks, mainly in rural areas, where local residents claim thousands of innocent civilians have been killed.

Obote said former Presidents Yusuf Lule and Godfrey Binaisa and former cabinet ministers had been arrested in a joint conspiracy with (former President Idi) Amin's lieutenants against peace and stability in our country.

Obote reaffirmed his commitment to parliamentary democracy and attacked the

"prophets of doom" who said Uganda would not meet its 1980-81 coffee export quota set by the London-based International Coffee Organization.

Stressing Uganda's economic recovery in the last year, Obote said the quota of 117,120 metric tons of coffee had been met. He said Uganda was now exporting tea and cotton and its coffee quota had been increased by a million 60-kilogram bags. Members of the opposition Democratic Party laughed when Obote claimed that black market dealing and smuggling "have been virtually eliminated."

S. Korea firing alleged

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (AP) — South Korean forces fired more than 500 bullets with large-caliber machine guns for 15 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. (0900 GMT) Friday, the North Korean Central News Agency said Saturday.

"Such armed provocations" by South Koreans "are committed almost every day these days," KCNA said but the news agency did not say whether the North Koreans fired back.

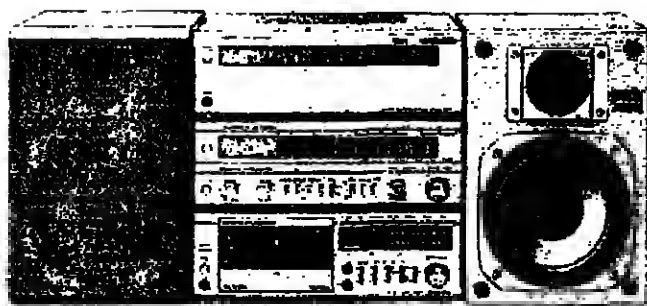


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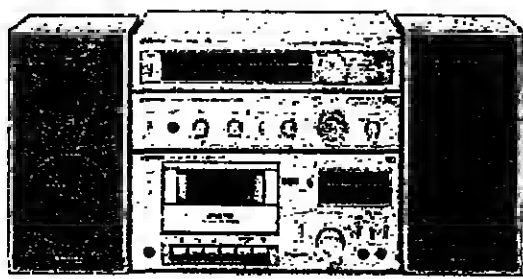
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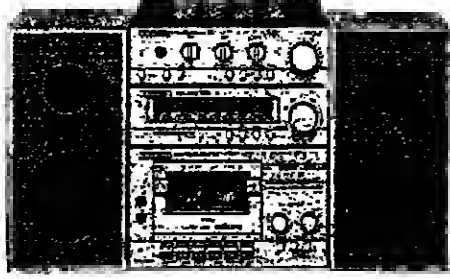
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At Kremlin ceremony

Brezhnev ignores Polish crisis

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (R) — President Leonid Brezhnev said Saturday the Kremlin leadership was united on all policy issues but did not refer to the Polish crisis. The Soviet leader, speaking at a Kremlin ceremony to mark his 75th birthday Saturday, praised his assembled Politburo colleagues for their "unity, cohesion and good teamwork."

"There is a true mutual understanding within the leadership, a common opinion of the ends of our policy, home and foreign, and of the means leading to these ends," he said. Veteran party ideologist Mikhail Suslov, No. 2 in the Politburo hierarchy, presented Brezhnev with the Order of Lenin and the Gold Star of a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Brezhnev is now the most decorated leader in Soviet history.

Leaders of six Soviet bloc states presented similar awards to Brezhnev Friday and also attended Saturday's ceremony. Poland's military strongman, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, was not present but sent congratulations to the Soviet leader from the ruling military council in Warsaw.

In his message published in the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, Gen. Jaruzelski thanked Brezhnev for his understanding of the "dramatic and difficult" situation in Poland, and for Soviet economic aid.

"Polish society has been able to convince itself once again that at difficult moments it

can always count on its Soviet friends," Gen. Jaruzelski said. His message was also signed by head of state Henryk Jablonski and in the name of the central committee of the Polish Communist Party and the country's top state organs.

It pledged that the military council, which took power on Sunday, would be faithful to the ideas of socialism and the independence and sovereignty of the Polish state.

"We are fully committed to its democratic development in the spirit of Socialist renewal, to the application of the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism in national Polish conditions," Gen. Jaruzelski said. His words appeared designed to reassure the Soviet leaders that Poland was still wedded to the Communist system despite the eclipse of the ruling party by soldiers.

He appeared to be appealing for the Kremlin to continue to make allowances for Poland's particular circumstances, saying mutual understanding and mutual respect as well as unity of ideas between the Polish and Soviet Communist parties were of great importance.

Diplomats here believe the Soviet Union, which has given only reticent public backing to Gen. Jaruzelski's military clampdown, is giving him strong support behind the scenes. But Moscow is also believed to be nervous in the long term about the eclipse of the Polish Communist Party by the military.

Brezhnev avoided all mention of Poland at his birthday ceremonies, attended by the leaders of Hungary, East Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, Mongolia and Czechoslovakia. But his reference to unity in the Politburo appeared to be aimed at reassuring the Soviet public that there would be no splits and arguments at a time of crisis on the Soviet Union's western frontier.

Brezhnev, hailed at home as a paragon of Soviet manhood, was also the subject of fulsome praise by East bloc leaders assembled in Moscow. Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov, in the warmest tribute, said the Soviet leader was "a man and Communist with a big, kind and generous heart, a major and bright personality, whose ideological, ethical and emotional radiance is elevating, enriching and educating."

Mail bomb to Reagan halted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — Secret Service agents investigated a crude letter bomb addressed to President Reagan which was intercepted and defused in the White House mail room Thursday.

A spokesman for the Secret Service, which is responsible for protecting the president's life, said the device was so badly made "it's doubtful whether it would have worked at all." The bomb was discovered during a routine X-ray inspection in the mail room, which is in the executive office building adjoining the White House.

It was in a Manila envelope postmarked San Juan, Puerto Rico, which contained no message. The spokesman declined to speculate whether Puerto Rican guerrillas, who have carried out several bomb attacks in the United States as part of a campaign for full independence for the territory, were responsible.

In another development, three foreign nationals held in Florida as suspected assassins were released from jail after the U.S. Secret Service said the men did not appear

to pose any threat to President Reagan.

"The Secret Service told me they had no concern that the men were about to make a hit on the president," assistant State Attorney Dave Phoebus said Thursday. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents and Martin County sheriff's deputies had called the three "hitmen" sent from Chicago and asked for a Secret Service investigation after the three men were arrested Wednesday near Hobe Sound.

They were picked up about 40 miles from the winter home of Vice President George Bush's mother. Their car contained four firearms and ammunition, but the weapons were locked in the trunk, Phoebus said, so prosecuting them on concealed weapons charges would be difficult.

"They had some stuff in their car that would make you suspicious, but you can't keep someone in jail on suspicions," Phoebus said. The three men arrested were Muhammad Rashide, 21, an Iranian living in Chicago; Hiri Petrov, 22, a Yugoslav, and Mario Parrilli, 20, an Italian.

Canada seeks arsonist's extradition

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 19 (AP) — A warrant has been issued in Ontario, Canada, for the arrest of Eugene Tafoya in connection with an explosion and fire in the car of a businessman who sold electronic surveillance equipment to the Libyan government, police said.

Tafoya, convicted Dec. 4 of third-degree assault and conspiracy in the shooting of a Libyan dissident in Fort Collins, has been charged by the warrant with arson, said Staff Sgt. Joe MacDonald of police department.

MacDonald said Friday he also would seek a second warrant for Tafoya on a charge of mischief, in connection with a fire that destroyed a sports car belonging to the businessman, Robert Manina. The Ontario Attorney General's Department would review a request from police for Tafoya's

extradition, said Rod McLeod, assistant deputy attorney general.

Officials of the Departments of Justice and External Affairs in Canada would meet with U.S. State and Justice Department officials to arrange Tafoya's extradition to Canada, according to McLeod.

After his month-long trial and conviction in the October 1980 shooting of Libyan student Faisal Zagallai in district court in Fort Collins, Tafoya was released from the Larimer County jail on a \$5,000 bond. He was ordered to appear before Judge J. Robert Miller on Jan. 5 for sentencing.

Fort Collins police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents learned about Tafoya's alleged involvement in the fire while investigating the shooting of the Libyan official.

Italian terrorist gives himself up

BARI, Italy, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Antonio Pernisco, 24, a presumed leader of the extreme-left Prima Linea terrorist group sought in connection with murders, gave himself up here after rejecting "armed struggle" as an ideology, police said Saturday.

He was accompanied, in this Adriatic city Friday night, by two lawyers who quoted him as saying he had "dissociated" himself from "armed struggle" after becoming convinced it was beaten, both as a method and an ideology.

The lawyers added that he had not "repented," which would have implied he was ready to reveal former companions.

Terrorist groups like Prima Linea and the

Red Brigades strongly reject any distinction between those who "dissociate" or "repent", regarding both categories as "traitors" and sentencing them to death.

Pernisco, a presumed Prima Linea area leader, had been sought since the arrest last December of Michele Viscardi, allegedly a "repented" terrorist whose revelations brought the capture of several area Prima Linea members.

Pernisco was wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of a carabinieri in June 1980 and a policeman last November, and was also suspected of participation in a series of holdups.

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A glowing message from top state and government bodies hailed Brezhnev as the "advocate of peace and friendship." It said: "No other statesman and political leader today... has done as much as you for strengthening peace."

A message from the armed forces, issued by Tass, spoke of Brezhnev's contribution to "the enhancement of the country's defense capability."

Satellite booster destroyed in U.S.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, California, Dec. 19 (AP) — U.S. Air Force officials destroyed a navigational satellite booster seconds after it was launched Friday, saying that something went wrong and the destruction was necessary to prevent damage or injuries.

No information was available immediately on the amount of damage or on whether there were any injuries.

The blast at the Santa Barbara county base was heard 32 kms away, according to reports. Witnesses said the Atlas booster had gone about 100 yards from the launch pad when it flipped and crashed.

The satellite involved was a Naystar global positioning system satellite, which provides navigational information to ships and aircraft. Six of the satellites are currently in orbit and a total of 18 are planned, a spokesman said.



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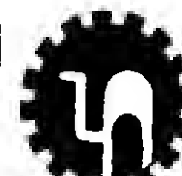


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In commercial quantity U.S. firms strike oil in north Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 19 (AP) — Brazil's state oil company Petrobras confirmed Friday that an offshore oil strike by a consortium of the American oil companies Pecten, Chevron and Union Oil is commercial.

The head of Petrobras' risk contract division, Lauro Vieira, said preliminary studies indicated the strike would produce between 8,000 and 28,000 barrels of "light, good-quality" oil per day. Vieira said it was the first commercial oil discovery by a non-Brazilian company since Brazil opened up more than one million square miles (2.5 million square kilometers) of territory to risk contract exploration in 1975.

The consortium struck oil in an exploratory well 9.6 kms off the coast of northeastern

Bahia state. Vieira said Petrobras would have a more accurate idea of the strike's potential when the consortium drills a series of wells to assess the capacity of the field.

The American companies will have rights to about 25 percent of eventual production, under the terms of its risk contract with Petrobras. Since 1975, Petrobras has signed 102 contracts with 29 foreign companies and one Brazilian consortium. The Pecten Oil Company has been one of the most active in exploration here, with investments of some \$100 million.

Brazil's domestic oil production has been rising steadily in recent years and now averages nearly 250,000 barrels a day. But the nation still imports roughly three-fourths of its oil.

For the current quarter 5.4% dip for U.S. economy forecast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — A preliminary government forecast says the U.S. economy will decline by 5.4 percent in the current quarter, administration sources have said in their latest assessment of the deepening recession.

The forecast, prepared by the Commerce Department, is more pessimistic than earlier estimates by President Reagan's economic advisers but not as gloomy as those of some private economists who believe the economy

may contract by six percent or more. Administration sources said Friday the preliminary Commerce Department figures point to a 5.4 percent contraction in the Gross national product, which measures the output of goods and services, between October and the end of the year.

But the sources said the figure was tentative and subject to major revisions. The president's leading economic adviser, Murray Weidenbaum, has predicted a decline of no more than five percent in the current quarter and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has projected a drop of between three and 3.5 percent.

Earlier, the Commerce Department announced that the economy grew more in the third quarter than previously thought. In a final revision, the department reported that the economy, after adjusting for inflation, grew at an annual rate of 1.4 percent between July and September instead of 0.6 percent as reported earlier.

The department said most of the revision was caused by larger than expected inventories on business shelves after sales suddenly slumped last summer. Many private forecasters believe that this buildup of inventories will make the economy decline more in this quarter than the Reagan administration expects.

The economists say businesses will be forced to sell off their stockpiled goods before they can order new ones from their factories and other suppliers.

Volkswagen closes down Nigeria unit temporarily

LAGOS, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Volkswagen of Nigeria has temporarily closed down, sending its 3,400 workforce on compulsory leave, the *Independent National Concord* has reported.

A company statement said that closure was "due to the current serious situation in the automobile market for the domestic assembly plants, resulting in a large stock of unsold cars."

The statement quoted Managing Director Jergen Macker as saying that management had opted for compulsory leave instead of a reduction of the workforce. The company had earlier reduced production from 250 vehicles per day to 90.

The Leyland and Peugeot companies also have major car assembly plants in Nigeria. Recently, Leyland had to stop production of Land Rovers because of imports of similar Japanese vehicles at very low prices.

Arab Boycott gives Renault grace period

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Renault auto group of France has said it was informed it had been given a three-month grace period before being placed on the Arab Boycott list. The company was given the probation period to enable it to conform to the rules of the Boycott, a Renault spokesman said.

The Boycott Office was set up by the Arab League in 1952 to prevent companies from trading with Israel by harrasing them from selling their products to the Arab world. The Renault official said the decision to blacklist Renault stems from the French group's ties with American Motors Corp., of the United States. AMC has been boycotted for many years because it supplies jeep components to Israel.

The spokesman said he had no idea how Renault should avoid being boycotted. "As far as I can see, the only way would be to give up our 46 percent stake in AMC, and we're not about to do that," he said.

Validity to be challenged French Assembly adopts bill on nationalization

PARIS, Dec. 19 (R) — The French National Assembly has voted into law the Socialist government's bill nationalizing banks and some large companies, but opposition members were expected to ask the watchdog constitutional council to declare the measure illegal.

The assembly, with its absolute Socialist majority, Friday passed the measure by 331 votes to 153 on the third and final reading after two months of bitter debate. But within minutes, groups of opposition deputies and senators said they planned to go to the imposing offices of the constitutional council just across the River Seine and file two separate demands for the law to be struck down.

Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy's government is legislating to take control of 36 private banks, five major industrial groups and two giant financial holding companies. Members of the Neo-Gaullist RPR Party and followers of former Conservative President Valery Giscard d'Estaing fought the bill as a

doctrinaire measure, irrelevant to French industrial needs. Giscardian members said the text contained 14 violations of the 1957 treaty of Rome, founding charter of the European Economic Community (EEC).

During Friday's closing parliamentary session, the minister in charge of nationalizations, Jean de Garrec, stoutly defended the program. "This is an important reform which with our measures for decentralization, reviving the economy, fighting inequalities, introducing social reforms and developing research...make up a coherent, effective and determined whole, not just for reconstruction but also for recovery," he said.

Giscard d'Estaing, who as former president is eligible to sit on the constitutional council, said earlier this week he did not intend to take up the option for the time being so as to leave him free for political initiatives. The opposition groups said they would probably call on the constitutional council within the week. The council could take several weeks to rule on the matter.

But Japan is cool Iran offers funds to revive project

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Iran has told its Japanese partners that it is ready to take on the burden of providing additional funds to keep the giant Japan-Iran Petrochemical Project in southern Iran going, it has been disclosed here.

The president of Japan's Iran Chemical Development Co. (ICDC) Karoku Yamachi, told the press that Iran has also expressed the hope that a third round of bilateral talks on the project can be held as soon as possible and that \$3.6 billion project be completed with Japanese help. Yamachi also said that the Iranian statement, which came before a Japanese deadline Tuesday, was ambiguous and that the Japanese cannot comply immediately with the Iranian request for a third round of talks.

He pointed out that the Iranians did not specify when they would provide the additional funds, how much they would amount to, or what the conditions would be. Yamachi, who returned Thursday from a 10-day business trip to Iran, said that the complex in Bandar Khomeini, which is 85 percent completed, had been severely damaged by the Iran-Iraq war — but declined to elaborate.

Toshikuni Yashiro, president of Mitsui and Co., which is one of five major firms investing in the ICDC, said that the latest Iranian

proposal would be evaluated but that it was still "unclear" and that negotiations would be "endless" if conducted on such a basis. The Mitsui group has told the National Petrochemical Co. (NPC), the Iranian partner, that it would withdraw from the project unless the Iranians agree to sustain all additional costs.

Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry said that the latest Iranian proposal could be seen as a concession in view of the fact that the Iranians had said that they would not take on the additional cost.

Italian railmen go on strike

ROME, Dec. 19 (AP) — Italian train workers seeking a new three-year contract began a 24-hour strike in seven major cities Friday. The walkout by the independent union workers was expected to seriously hamper service on routes passing through Rome, Milan, Genoa, Bologna, Venice, Bari and Reggio Calabria. The union planned additional strikes during the busy festival holiday travel period. It complained that the government — which owns Italian railways — was dragging its feet in talks for a 1981-1983 contract.

Reagan sending business team to African states

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 — A contingency of American businessmen, led by top Reagan administration officials, will tour Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Morocco next month to consult with African leaders on trade and investment.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Agricultural Secretary John R. Block will accompany executives from 25 American firms dealing in agricultural commodities, agricultural business, construction, mining and excavation, and telecommunications.

According to a Commerce Department spokesman, the trip is part of the Reagan administration's pledge to provide cooperation with developing nations to assist them in their development goals. The Reagan administration was highly criticized by Third World nations last October when, at the Cancun economic summit, the U.S. president declared that developing countries should receive less concessional aid from the West. The United States has proposed instead to offer poorer nations help in forging alliances with private enterprise to build up their economies.

U.S. budget deficit may hit \$109b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan Friday began to put the finishing touches on his budget outlines for 1982/83 amid increased fears that his much vaunted balanced budget is further than ever away from realization.

Official estimates put the current year's budget deficit at \$109 billion — twice what was expected and the biggest deficit in U.S. history. Reagan, who champions government disengagement from the economy and who forecast a balanced budget by 1984, has had to admit that the target date would have to be postponed.

But he startled some aides this week when he announced at a press conference that he would not consider increasing taxes in order to lessen the government deficit. A White House spokesman hastily explained, Reagan was not against increasing state revenue, but was merely indicating that he had no intention of abandoning his policy of progressively cutting income taxes.

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Polish economy revival delayed

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Growing opposition among Polish coalminers and other workers to the military clampdown is likely to mean further delays in reviving Poland's stricken economy...

economic difficulties are so acute that the military may yet have to seek some sort of compromise with Solidarity...

Prof. Anthony Polanski of the London School of Economics said Friday that the military needed the cooperation of workers...

Production of coal, Poland's main export earner, has fallen from 201 million tons in 1979 to an estimated 162 million tons this year...

Economists say this has not only cut off Poland's main source of Western currency, it has also caused problems with its Eastern Bloc trading partners...

Western banks were only too happy to provide massive loans for wholesale imports of Western technology, feeling the Soviet Union would guarantee the borrowing...

In declaring martial law and moving against the Solidarity free trade union, the Warsaw authorities were gambling on swiftly ending all opposition...

The country's inability to buy enough food illustrates the vicious circle the economy is in, Western analysts say.

Top investor raps Chinese red tape

PEKING, Dec. 19 (R) — The head of an influential investment corporation echoing a recent call by Premier Zhao Ziyang to trim China's notorious bureaucracy...

Rong is president of the China International Trust and Investment Corporation which was set up two years ago to attract foreign investment.

Another delegate at the consultative conference said there were almost 1,000 ministers and vice-ministers in the Chinese State Council...

Another delegate was quoted as saying that the Communists had not yet established a proper system of selection, training, appointment and compulsory retirement...

Meanwhile, Western banks owed billions of dollars by Poland, have called an emergency meeting in Zurich Monday to discuss their response to Warsaw's request for \$350 million to help it pay interest arrears...

The meeting will bring together a special working group of eight banks, formed several months ago to cope with any unexpected developments in negotiations with Poland...

U.S. banks have reacted coldly to the Polish request and West German banks are expected to refuse to put up any fresh cash...

Poland owes about \$16 billion to foreign banks and \$11 billion to Western governments. The Zurich meeting will decide on a recommendation to be made to the full task force because the latest Polish request...

The sources said one proposal on the table Monday is believed to be an outright rejection of the request, another simply to sit back and await further developments in Warsaw...

Reagan agrees auto industry is in crisis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan acknowledges that the American auto industry is in a "disastrous situation"...

He was speaking after talks which Reagan had Friday with the leaders of the five leading U.S. auto manufacturers...

The talks touched on Japan's voluntary export restraints to limit auto exports, which should be reviewed, Ford President Philip Caldwell said.

U.S. expects pressure for trade curbs on Russians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — The United States would face strong pressure to impose severe trade sanctions against the Soviet Union if Moscow directly intervened in Poland...

A White House official told Reuters prospect for a trade embargo against the Soviet Union involving grain and other products had definitely increased since the declaration of martial law in Poland last weekend.

President Reagan, expressing grave concern about the Polish crisis, has already used food as a weapon by suspending \$100 million in U.S. aid for the Warsaw government...

The official said that if Moscow intervened in Poland, the United States would have to take some form of appropriate action especially since U.S. grain sales were embargoed in January 1980...

Grain trade between the United States and Soviet Union since then has flourished, as Moscow has been forced to import huge amounts of wheat and corn...

U.S. pays up Japan damages

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (AP) — The United States completed payments for damages resulting from the sinking of a Japanese freighter last April after collision with the submarine USS George Washington...

The payment of 31.5 million yen (\$183,182) to Kobe Navigation Service was the last part of an out-of-court settlement following the sinking of the 2,350-ton freighter Nissho Maru in the east China seas.

The U.S. Navy already paid \$6 million yen (\$374,000) each to the families of Capt. Taizo Noguchi and Chief Mate Sumio Matsunaga...

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — The American currency closed the weekend on a stronger note than had been anticipated by some market participants. The main factors making for a bullish dollar market seems to be the continuing dollar situation...

Gold and silver traded within thin margins and both precious metals fell back by the close of the trading session in New York. Gold closed at \$412.70 per ounce...

In fact, some fairly large European commercial order accounted for the volatility seen on the European currency markets Friday, with dealers saying that large corporations were squaring their year end books.

frane and the German mark, but slipping back few points against the British pound and Swiss franc.

The British currency was extremely volatile Friday in London — falling to 1.8610 levels at one stage, before some heavy Bank of England support pushed it back to 1.8840 in New York.

In the local markets, Saturday saw a quiet day with few movements reported. Rates remained at Thursday closing levels with the one-month JIBOR bid — offer rate at 9 — 9 1/2 percent...

The Bahraini based OBU's — offshore booking units were not active Saturday and Brokers operating out of Bahrain said that most quotes were made for "information purposes" only.

Study shows American companies paid little tax on U.S. incomes

By Thomas B. Edsall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (WP) — A new study says that a number of large corporations paid little or no U.S. tax on their U.S. income in 1980.

The study, based on reports by the companies themselves to the securities and exchange commission, said such well-known firms as Chase Manhattan Bank, Squibb Corp. and Monsanto Co. paid no taxes on U.S. income despite domestic earnings of \$207 million \$78 million and \$204 million respectively.

The findings, made public Monday by tax analysts, a tax reform group based here, were quickly disputed by spokesmen for some of the companies named. U.J. LeGrange, vice president and comptroller of Exxon, contended that by the company's calculations, it paid federal taxes at about a 40 percent rate.

The study, which was conducted for tax analysts by Richard Kaplan, professor of law at the University of Illinois, contended that the oil company had U.S. earnings of \$2.5 billion on which it paid a tax of about \$33 million.

There has long been a complex dispute about how to calculate the taxes corporations pay. While not passing judgment on Kaplan's specific findings, Seymour Fiekowsky, assistant director of the treasury's office of Tax Analysis, said the new study appeared to be "much fairer" than prior ones...

Fiekowsky cautioned, however, that calculation of effective tax rates is an extremely difficult process and that the study released Monday would be criticized in some quarters on at least two grounds. One is that it does not count deferred taxes — taxes a company does not have to pay until some later date if ever — as taxes levied. The other is that it subtracts from a company's current taxes refunds attributable to past years.

The companies studied were able to reduce their taxes by a number of altogether legal means. One main method was the investment tax credit, which lets a company subtract from its taxes owed part of the cost of most new equipment. Another was the foreign tax credit, which lets companies subtract from their U.S. taxes income taxes paid abroad.

The tax analysts study found major disparities in effective tax rates among competing companies and in different industries. Six different industry groups were examined with the following results:

The average tax rate paid by the 20 largest commercial banks, all but one of which had U.S. profits, was minus 0.9 percent. This was the lowest of all the industries studied.

The second lowest rates were paid by the nine largest regulated utilities, an average effective rate of 7.9 percent. It was just about average in this group. Commonwealth Edison Co. paid the highest rate of 20.3 percent while Southern California Edison was low at minus 8 percent.

The highest effective tax rates were paid by the top 10 non-oil industrial firms — 27.7 percent on U.S. income. These rates ranged from 40.1 percent paid by Eastman Kodak on \$1.49 billion in domestic income to 6.3 percent for Tenneco.

Running about 5 percentage points below the industrial firms were 20 drug companies which, according to the study, paid an average rate on U.S. income of 23.3 percent. These ranged from 45.7 percent, just barely under the statutory maximum of 46 percent, by Bristol Meyers, to zero for Squibb.

For the 30 top oil companies, the tax analysts study found that the average rate was 21.9 percent. Among the 10 largest Exxon paid the lowest rate. Conoco paid 9.7 percent, Mobil 12.1. The highest rate found to have been paid by an oil company was for Amerasia Hess, 42.5 percent on domestic earnings of \$591 million.

The eight largest steel companies were found to have paid a Federal tax rate of 14.5 percent on domestic income, ranging from negative rates for Republic and Wheeling Pittsburgh to a 26.8 percent rate paid by Crane Steel.

The calculations of both the current study and past efforts are inherently subject to extensive controversy, as tax reformers contend that the findings are legitimate and point to the need to close tax "loopholes," while others argue corporate tax rates, because depreciation has not been adjusted for inflation, are already excessive.

Oil companies, for example, point out that when foreign taxes are taken into account, the worldwide rate of taxation for worldwide income reaches as high as 62.8 percent (Phillips Petroleum) or 63.1 percent (Conoco). Reformers, however, counter that foreign countries, in an effort to benefit U.S. oil firms, have adjusted their royalty and tax systems to give the firms the maximum possible direct credits against U.S. tax liabilities.

This conflict between reformers and supporters of corporate tax cuts has become increasingly bitter in recent months. The business community received in the 1981 tax bill sharply increased benefits resulting in a new system of calculating depreciation. These cuts have not yet produced the stepped-up investment, however, which proponents claimed would be a part of a major improvement in the nation's economy resulting from the tax bill.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — New Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens asked parliament for immediate special powers to deal with the national economy, finances and unemployment. Noting that the well-being of Belgium, which was one of the most prosperous countries in the world where wealth was well distributed, was threatened, he declared: "It is the duty of the government to introduce a new tough policy imposing sacrifices on everyone."

TOKYO, (AFP) — The U.S. Navy Friday paid 31.5 million yen (\$143,182) in compensation to Kobe Navigation Service, the company responsible for hiring the crew of Japanese freighter which sank in the East China Sea after being accidentally rammed by the U.S. nuclear-powered submarine George Washington April 9.

KOUROU, French Guyana, (AFP) — The fourth and last test flight of the European-built Ariane Rocket is due to begin here Sunday, 24 hours late, at 0129 GMT. Following the success of the first launch Dec. 24, 1979 and of the third June 19, 1981 — and despite the mid-air explosion to the second rocket —

Ariane is already considered fit for service. However, failure of Sunday's launch could damage the project's commercial success. The European Space Agency has made special promotion arrangements with customers for four launches in 1972 before Ariane goes into commercial service in mid-1983.

LONDON, (AFP) — Iran has managed to increase its oil exports from the Kiang terminal. Lloyds list has reported that an increasing number of ships, including very large crude carriers displacing between 200,000 and 250,000 tons are loading at the terminal, and shipping brokers have noted that the turnaround of vessels at the terminal is now much quicker, with loading now taking no more than two days. This has led to the conclusion that Iran has succeeded in repairing damage by the Iraqi airforce in September.

BUDAPEST, (AFP) — The Hungarian photographic paper company Forte and the U.S. group 3M have renewed a co-operation agreement for five years. Forte makes black and white photographic paper and film for 3M. The link also covers X-ray papers and photochemicals.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS table with columns: Authority, Description, Tender Number, Tender Price (SR), Closing Date

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Celtics rally to oust Bullets

Nets snap Bucks' winning streak

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — It usually means that more than one thing went wrong when a team that has been winning most of its games, loses at home to a team that has been winning 30 percent of its games.

That proved to be the case Friday night when the New Jersey Nets beat Milwaukee 100-88, snapping a nine-game National Basketball Association winning streak for the 17-7 Bucks.

"About the time you get to thinking you're good and you're not prepared, this is exactly what can happen to you," said Bucks' coach Don Nelson. "Milwaukee didn't shoot that straight, and that gave us a chance to run," said New Jersey coach Larry Brown.

"It was our defense," said Nets forward Mike O'Koren who scored 14 points. "Any time you hold a team like Milwaukee to 88 points, you have a good chance of winning. We must play hard defense and wea after them."

In other NBA games, Boston edged Washington 99-98; Houston buried Dallas 112-93. Phoenix trimmed San Antonio 108-104; New York Knicks walloped Chicago 121-106; Kansas City upended Utah 100-95 and Indiana clobbered Cleveland 109-72.

The Bucks rebounding edge and the resulting running game enabled guard Williams, Otis Birdsong and Darwin Cook to score

22, 14 and 12 points respectively to lead the Nets.

Bridgeman came off the bench to sink four of his first five shots in the second quarter, while Marques Johnson tossed in three baskets in a 63-second span late in the period to help the Bucks open a 47-42 half-time lead.

Though the Bucks led 47-42 at half-time the Nets outscored Milwaukee 26-17 in the third quarter to overtake the Bucks. In the final minutes of the third period, the Nets started a 20-4 surge that left them ahead 80-66 midway through the final quarter.

Celtics 99, Bullets 98: Robert Parish scored 14 points in the fourth period as Boston spoiled a Washington comeback. Parish scored 24 of his 32 points in the second-half. Larry Bird scored 21 for the Celtics, while Jeff Ruland scored 20 points for the Bullets.

Suns 108, Spurs 104: Truck Robinson scored 38 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter as Phoenix rallied from a seven-point deficit midway through the period to beat San Antonio. Dennis Johnson, who scored 19 for the Suns, with two free throws with 4:01 to go to put Phoenix ahead to stay, 102-99, and Robinson followed with two shots for a 105-102 edge with 2:29 left. George Gervin scored 23 points for the Spurs.

Knicks 121, Bulls 106: Campy Russell scored 14 of his game-high 22 points in the first quarter, when New York took control of the game and went on to beat Chicago. Bill

Cartwright also scored 22 for the Knicks, including 10 in the fourth quarter when the Bulls twice closed to within seven points of New York after trailing by as many as 21 in the first half. David Greenwood and Artis Gilmore both scored 18 to lead the Bulls.

Kings 100, Jazz 95: Cliff Robinson scored 29 points, eight of them in the final quarter when Kansas City erased a seven-point Utah lead. The Kings, who led by as many as 14 earlier, took the lead for good at 91-90 with 4:16 left on a Phil Ford jump shot. Adrian Dantley scored 29 points to lead the Jazz, but had only two in the final period.

Rockets 112, Mavericks 93: Moses Malone had 11 of his 23 points, three rebounds, three steals, three assists and one blocked shot in the third quarter to lead a Houston surge over Dallas. The Rockets, who have won three in a row, extended a seven-point half-time lead into a 22-point advantage early in the final period. Dallas rookie Jay Vincent led all scorers with 29 points. Robert Reid, returning to the lineup after a self-imposed absence of 11 days and five games, scored 10.

Pacers 109, Cavaliers 73: Indiana tied a club record for fewest points allowed as it banded Cleveland its 19th loss in 24 games this season. Mike Bantom and Butch Carter scored 15 points each to lead the Pacers balanced attack. The Cavaliers went more than 6 1/2 minutes without a field goal to start the second half well behind by 33 points at 71-38.

Lewis, Wilkison to clash in final

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — New Zealand's Chris Lewis and American Tim Wilkison will meet Sunday in the \$125,000 New South Wales Open Championship final at White City Stadium.

Wilkison, 22, ranked 122nd in the world, beat fellow-American Steve Dentoo 7-5, 6-3 in a semi-final Saturday, while Lewis, 24, ranked 45th, blasted Australian Mark Edmondson, seeded sixth, 6-3, 6-3 in the other semi-final. Wilkison, a left hander, won this title in 1978.

White City has become somewhat of a left handers paradise. In four of the last eight finals a left hander has won the title. Australian Tony Roche won in 1974 and 1976. Then American Roscoe Tanner was champion in 1977. Tim Wilkison took the title in the following year.

Lewis had too much class, pace and fitness as he hit winners to all parts of the court against Edmondson. This will be the New Zealand Davis Cup player's fifth appearance in a Grand Prix title final this year. He won a tournament in Munich and was runner-up in Stuttgart, Brisbane and Cincinnati.

This will be Wilkison's first Grand Prix final of the year. Lewis is one of the fittest and fastest competitors. If the weather conditions are the same Sunday with searing heat and high humidity, then fitness will play a major part in the result. There was an 85-minute rain delay after the eighth game of the first set between Lewis and Edmondson. The New Zealander gained a vital serve break in the eighth game when light rain fell, when he broke Edmondson's serve 2-0 with three out-right winners.

Eighty minutes later Lewis served for the set and pounced again in the opening game of the second set to break Edmondson. Edmondson tried hard to crack the serve of Lewis but despite three deuces in the sixth could not bridge the gap. Lewis had two match points at 40-15 on Edmondson's serve in the ninth game and Edmondson netted a volley to give the New Zealander the match.

Denton's strong serve let him down. The 74th world ranked player served nine double faults and twice double-faulted on set point in the first set. Wilkison returned a lot of Denton's serves, making the Texan work hard in the warm, humid conditions and despite a courageous rear-guard action by Denton to save five match points, Wilkison wrapped up the match.

Poland to participate in World Cup hockey

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The Polish outdoor hockey team, here to attend the World Cup Hockey Tournament due to start in Bombay on December 29, has received no instructions from Warsaw to return home, team manager Andrzej Zoladzkiowski said Saturday.

"We are all set to take part in the World Cup Hockey Tournament" he told the Cup organizing secretary. Zoladzkiowski was reacting to reports from Brussels that Poland had been replaced in the tournament by Belgium.

Jahangir triumphs

KARACHI, Dec. 19 (AFP) — World squash champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan beat his compatriot Maqsood Ahmed in the final of the PIA Masters Squash Championship here Friday.

Jahangir won in straight sets 9-2, 9-3, 9-1. It was his second championship win since he took the world championship in Toronto last month by defeating Australia's Geoff Hunt. He won the Pakistan Open on December 11 beating his compatriot Qamar Zaman.

Saturday's victory was the easiest of the three. Jahangir never allowed his opponent to settle down and outplayed him in all departments of the game.

Shriver too good for Jaeger Austin overcomes Jausovec

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 19 (AP) — Third-Seeded Tracy Austin overcame first-set jitters to halt the upset bid of Mima Jausovec and Pam Shriver crushed Andrea Jaeger Friday night to move into the semi-finals of the \$250,000 Toyota Tennis Championships.

Austin defeated Jausovec 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, while Shriver used powerful serves to oust Jaeger 6-3, 6-2 in the third round. Already in the semi-finals are the tournament's top two seeds, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Llyod.

Jausovec, the seventh seed, dominated the opening set with an assortment of chips and drop shots to go along with her strong serve. She broke Austin in the third, fifth and seventh games as Austin made numerous unforced errors.

It was the first time in six career meetings that Austin had lost a set to Jausovec and only the third time Jausovec had won more than two games in a set. In their first meeting in West Germany in 1978, Austin won 7-6, 6-1. In 1979 at the Italian Open, Austin defeated Jausovec 7-5, 6-2.

But Austin, who lost a three-hour, 18-minute baseline battle to Chris Evert Llyod Thursday, reasserted her dominance late in the second set. After the two traded breaks in the third and fourth games, Austin broke

back in a marathon fifth game that saw the two battle through nine deuces.

Following the fourth deuce, Jausovec smashed her way to advantage. But a critical foot-foul on second serve sent the score back to deuce and that appeared to be the turning point in Jausovec's upset bid. Three more times she had the advantage, but each time Austin fought back to deuce. Then Jausovec hit a forehand long and followed with a backhand half-volley that sailed long, giving Austin the key break.

In the third set, Austin, whose normally steady baseline game still was unpredictable, broke her opponent in the first and third games to take a 3-0 lead. The two then traded breaks in the next two games before Jausovec won three straight games to narrow Austin's margin to 5-4. But Austin held serve to move into the semi-finals.

Shriver had no problems with Jaeger, the youngest player in the championships, the culmination of the 31-event, 12-nation Toyota Series. With her booming serve and crisp volleys, Shriver broke Jaeger in the fourth and sixth games of the first set and the first, fifth and seventh games of the second set. The 16-year-old Jaeger, whose forte is a baseline game, never could get started against the serve-and-volley tactics of Shriver.

Haynes steers Windies to win

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 19 (AP) — A polished unbeaten innings of 82 by opener Desmond Haynes steered the West Indies to an effortless victory over Pakistan in the Benson and Hedges Cnp match at the WACA ground here Saturday.

When fast bowler Imran Khan sent down a bouncer at Haynes that was adjudged a wide by umpire Rex Whitehead, the West Indies had won by seven wickets with 7.4 overs to spare, by passing Pakistan's mediocre total of 160.

Haynes, who took 53 minutes to reach double figures, helped the West Indies to over come an early crisis when the first two wickets fell with only 21 runs on the board. He was extremely resolute early against some good fast bowling from Imran and Sarfraz Nawaz after the West Indies had lost opener Faouf Bacchus for four and master batsman Viv Richards for eight—and he deservedly won the man of the match award.

He gradually blossomed and hit the ball crisply to all parts of the ground. Several of his cover drives were absolute gems. Haynes hit 12 boundaries in his 82 runs that came from 135 deliveries in 171 minutes.

The West Indies bowled splendidly Satur-

day and this, coupled with the fine batting of Haynes, captain Clive Lloyd and Larry Gomes, will make the West Indies hard to beat when they meet Australia here Sunday.

Apart from Imran, the Pakistani attack rarely threatened danger and the policy of using spinners Raja and Ejaz Faqih proved unsuccessful. Pakistan were most unlucky to lose the services of Majid Khan, one of their most experienced and outstanding batsmen. Majid injured his back when he slipped and fell in the dressing room early in the Pakistani innings. The injury prevented him from taking any part in the game.

But it was no excuse for the dismal batting performance after such a promising start. After 29 overs Pakistan were moving along nicely at 106 for two.

But Richards changed the course of the game in the 30th over when he dismissed captain Javed Miandad and vice-captain Zaheer Abbas in the space of four deliveries. These were the first two of the final seven wickets that crashed for only runs. Richards, who had conceded 26 runs from his first four overs, probably lulled both Miandad and Zaheer into a false sense of security and both were out to rash shots.

Score-board table with columns for Pakistan batting, Bowling, West Indies batting, and Extras. Includes names like Mudasar Nazir, Richards, Marshall, and scores for various players.

Robin gives Britain fine start

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Robin Aisher's Yeoman led Britain to a fine start Friday in the Southern Cross Yachting series off Sydney.

Yeoman took third place on handicap as the British team wound up the first of the four races in second. Britain's Yeoman, Wee Willie Winkle and Mayhem gathered 82 points to trail the leader on handicap by eight points.

Australia's three Admiral's Cup representatives, Reganuffin, Apollo V and Hatchedler held third on 81 points. Hongkong's Battlesar, Impetuous and Bimble Gumble had seventh on 37 points.

The race, a 30-miler, was won in uncompensated time by the Victorian sloop Scaylater. For Britain, David May's Mayhem took ninth position and Wee Willie Winkle tenth.

Peugeot to build new car for World Rally

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The French-based Peugeot motor company is to build a turbo-charged four-wheel drive car for the 1984 World Rally Championship. It announced Friday.

The company was spurred into the project by the victory of its Talbot division in the 1981 Rally series. Jean Todt, head of the newly-formed "Peugeot Talbot" team said here.

British engineer Des O'Dell has been put in charge of development of the Neljdel, said

Todt, whose outfit will be in charge of all the group's sporting activities including the Formula One racing set up.

The new team boss would not talk about whether the new car would be a model or would emerge from the drawing boards in Peugeot's search office, but said the 300 horsepower engine would be based on the existing range. The vehicle would weigh 900 to 950 kg and would be known as a Peugeot, he said. French rally driver Gvaianquelin and Sweden's big Blomqvist will test drive the car,

known so far only as "Group project B-9".

The formula One committee and the executive committee have agreed to bring the Las Vegas Grand Prix forward from October 16 to September 25. They have also chosen the Australian Grand Prix as first HYR outside Europe, while the Dutch and Spanish Grand Prix are first European reserve.

The two committees have decided to increase the maximum number of entries for each Grand Prix from 24 to 26 except at Monaco where 20 will compete.

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After 5-0 win over Saudi Arabia

New Zealand earns play-off with China

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (AP) — New Zealand defeated Saudi Arabia 5-0 Saturday in its concluding Asia-Oceania World Soccer Cup qualifying match Saturday and kept its hopes alive to make it to Spain yet.

The New Zealand's victory, with all the goals coming in the first half, earned them a play-off with China for the 24th and final qualifying berth in the World Cup Soccer Cup finals in Spain next summer.

After a cohesive display in the first half, the New Zealand forwards failed to fetch the one goal which would have taken them to Spain. Though there were chances galore in the second-half the New Zealand forwards were in a prodigal mood. Many a time they broke through the Saudi Arabia defense, and with only the goalkeeper at their mercy, failed to be on target.

Kuwait, who held Zealand 2-2 with a last minute goal last week, has already qualified from the group. They head the table with nine points. Saturday's victory brought New Zealand and China level, with seven points each and the same goal difference. And the playoff will decide the second qualifier from the Asian group.

The New Zealanders relied on short and quick passing in the first half to deal the crushing goals to the Saudis. But the same rhythm was lacking in the second-half and their play slackened. The Saudis, with no

stake in the match for the finals, played loosely. But the New Zealanders could not take advantage. Saudis finished at the bottom of the table with one point, gained from its 2-2 draw with New Zealand in their away match.

Wynton Rufer shot New Zealand ahead after 16 minutes and seconds later Brian Turner added a second. Rufer and Steve Wooddin scored the third and fourth, also in the space of a minute, and just before half time Turner made it 5-0 from the penalty spot.

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kuwait	6	4	1	1	8	6	9
China	6	3	1	2	9	4	7
New Zealand	6	2	3	1	11	6	7
Saudi Arabia	6	0	1	5	4	16	1

Tanzania invited

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Tanzania has been invited to participate in the sixth Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Bombay from February 3 to 9. The Tanzania Table Tennis Association (TTTA) accepted the invitation and the country would be represented by a seven-strong squad — four men and three women — accompanied by three officials.

Irvine sets record

Scotland snatch victory

EDINBURGH, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Scotland beat Australia by 24 points to 15 in Saturday's Rugby Union international at Murrayfield here. At half-time Australia led by 15 points to 12.

Australia are now 2-1 down in their four-match international campaign against the home countries and will have to some rethinking to do better in final 'Test', against England, at Twickenham on January 2, where they will be eager to level the series.

The underground heating had to be turned on at Murrayfield, as the arctic weather covered Britain. After their second-half collapse the Wallabies are probably wishing the much-praised installation had gone wrong.

Scotland's score consisted of one goal, a drop goal and five penalties — all the penalties being kicked by full back Andy Irvine, who achieved a new individual match record of 17 points when he converted veteran center Jim Renwick's 72nd minute try.

Irvine already held the all-time international record with 245 individual points. He boosted his total to 262 — 234 for Scotland and 28 for the British Lions.

Australia put down three first-half tries but none of them were converted and their only other score was from a Paul McLean penalty kick in the 36th minute.

Four of Irvine's penalties were early in the game — in the 5th, 8th, 19th and 21st minutes. But he ruined his first half contribution by making two mistakes which led to the Australian tries by Simon Poidevin (11th) and Brendan Moon (26th).

The Wallabies' Andy Slack made John Rutherford pay for a series of miscalculations with another try, in the 39th minute. Fortunately for Scotland Paul McLean managed only one penalty from eight shots at goal.

But in a dramatic turnaround after the res-

tart Irvine and Rutherford more than made up for those first half blunders. Just two minutes after the break Irvine levelled the score with a fifth penalty goal and in the 68th minute Rutherford kicked the drop goal which took Scotland decisively in front.

Paul McLean had an unhappy match for Australia. He landed with one penalty but missed with other attempts. Two of his conversion bids were from right out on the touchline, and he had to kick the snow away from behind the line to get a run at the ball.

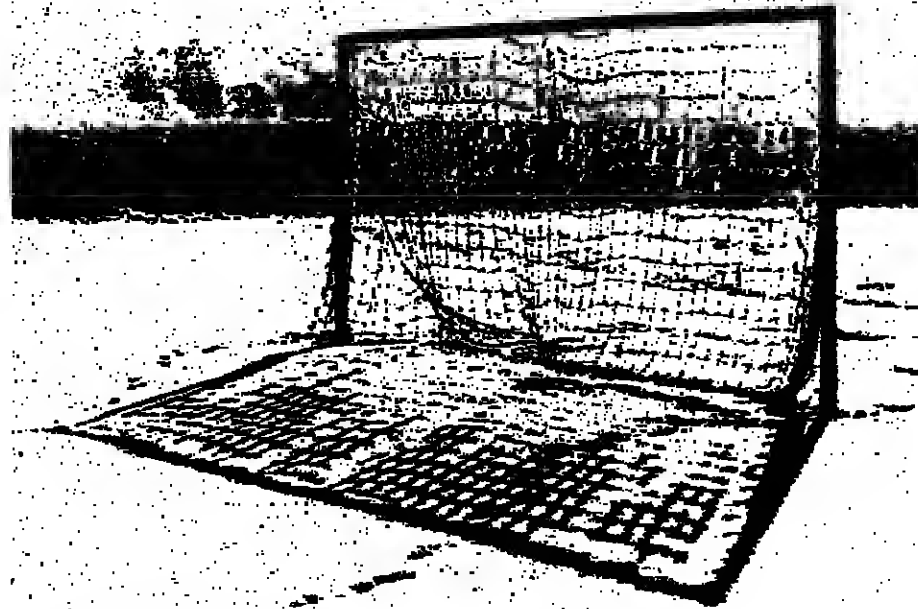
Paul McLean atoned for several misses by kicking a penalty goal and making it 11-9 for Australia in the 37th minute. Slack rounded off a brilliant move with another try in the corner, but on the stroke of half-time Irvine slotted home another penalty for Scotland.

Meanwhile, England beat the Rest 20-12 in a USOO Rugby Union trial at a dozen Twickenham, London, Saturday afternoon. England's lock, center, scrum-half center Paul Dodge, captain and forward Billy Beaumont, scrum-half Davies and right-wing John Carleton, with full back, Marcus Rose, converting twice.

For the Rest, hooker Andy Simpson landed a try and full back, Q. Seringer, two penalties and a conversion. The most worrying aspect for the selectors, with the coming international against Australia in mind, was an ankle injury to England flanker, Nick Jevons, just before the end.

It was reported in London, that French rugby union players Robert Paparemborde and Jean Luc Lionel has been selected for the British Barbarians side to meet English Club Leicester on December 29.

Three other team members will be donning the Barbarians' jersey for the first time: Richard Moriarty of Wales, Roler Baird of Scotland and Peter Bottom of England.



SNOWBOUND: The blizzard, which has been raging in Europe for the past two weeks, further hit the European Soccer League schedule. Above is a snowboarder in Zurich, Switzerland, with the frost creating patterns on a goal net. No play was possible in the Swiss League.

Coach Bingham relies on three players

Irish make up lack in class with great enthusiasm

BELFAST, Dec. 19 (R) — Gerry Armstrong is not the sort of international striker for whose services a manager would offer a blank cheque. He can't even hold down a regular place with English Second Division club Watford.

But for all his limitations as a player, Armstrong is now one of Northern Ireland's favorite sons. He ensured himself a warm welcome wherever he travels in the trouble-torn province by scoring the only goal of northern Ireland's crucial World Soccer Cup qualifying tie, earning the Irish a place in the final stages of the World Cup for the first time for 24 years. Armstrong, whose failure to win a regular spot in the Tottenham side prompted his move to Watford, epitomizes the spirit of the Irish team.

The make-up of the side is always heavily dependent on players with English Second and Third Division clubs and men who more often than not play reserve team soccer for First Division sides.

But what the Irish lack in genuine class they do their best to compensate for with sheer enthusiasm. Billy Bingham is the man responsible for harnessing this enthusiasm. Bingham was a member of the Irish team which did so well in Sweden in 1958 — the only previous occasion they have appeared in the final stages of the competition. A tricky winger, Bingham helped the unfancied Irish to two wins over Czechoslovakia and a draw with West Germany, the defending champions. They were eventually brought down to earth by France in the quarter-finals.

Bingham, in his second term as manager — a part-time job which brings him a miserly £4,000 (\$7,600) a year — said: "It's super for our little province to be in the finals after such a long absence. The players are ecstatic. We are going to enjoy ourselves for sure."

none of Bingham's charges could be more pleased than goalkeeper Pat Jennings, a veteran of 89 internationals. "I thought it had all passed me by," he admitted. Jennings puts the biggest hands in British football to very good use in the Irish cause. He conceded only two goals — one a penalty — in the six

qualifying ties in which he played.

The Arsenal goalkeeper, an international for 17 years, said: "It is a unique achievement to qualify when you look at the size of the country and the players at our disposal. We are never going to win it but we won't be going just for the ride. There's no pressure so we can enjoy ourselves."

"If some of the best teams in Spain are in top form there is no way we should be able to live with them. We can just hope they have a below-par day and we play out of our skins." Jennings, 36, is one of three class players round whom Bingham will be striving to build a side capable of doing just that. The others are skipper Martin O'Neill, who played a significant role in Nottingham Forest's European Cup triumph in 1979 and 1980, and Manchester United striker Sammy McIlroy. O'Neill, now with Manchester City, is a great reader of the game and will be expected to make things tick in midfield, while McIlroy has the flair to unlock the best of defenses. Others who could make an impact in Spain are Mal Donaghy, a versatile defender with English Second Division pacemakers Luton, and Blackburn's Noel Brotherton, a gifted midfielder who deserves a better stage for his skills than the Third Division.

Hopes that George Best, by far the best player the country has produced, would win a place in Bingham's World Cup squad were dashed earlier this week when he turned his back on a First Division comeback with Middlesbrough.

The former Manchester United star, now 35, ducked out of a lucrative deal with the club and flew back to the United States to see out his contract with North American Soccer League (NASL) side San Jose Earthquakes.

Best, whose off-the-field exploits have made as many headlines as his genius on the pitch, said: "Going back to California has ruined my chances of playing in the World Cup. But it's just one of those things." A sad comment from a man who 48 hours earlier had enthused over the possibility of again pulling on an Irish shirt.

Sunderland stuns Manchester City

Venison's superb show

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — Barry Venison, an 18-year-old defender, went on the field as a late substitute for Sunderland Saturday, and all his soccer dreams came true.

Sunderland, struggling at the bottom of the English Championship standing, was trailing to Manchester City at Manchester's Maine Road stadium.

Venison laid on the chance for Gary Rowell to equalize and with two minutes left, the young substitute rattled a shot into the net from 18 meters and won the match for his team.

The win lifted Sunderland off the bottom place for the first time since early in the season. Middlesbrough dropped to the bottom. Venison's spectacular success was the brightest feature of a bleak and wintry day when only a handful of games escaped the frost and dew and were played.

Only two matches went on in the English First Division and three in the second.

An early goal by Cummins gave Sunderland an unexpected lead. But Trevor Francis came back with two goals for Manchester in the second half, and struggling Sunderland appeared heading for one more defeat. With eight minutes left, Young Venison splits the Manchester defense made the opening for Rowell to equalize. Six minutes later came Venison's winner. He made his debut for Sunderland only a month ago.

One man who did not share in Sunderland's triumph was defender Kimmy Nicholl, transferred from Manchester United this season on loan basis. His registration forms failed to reach the English League in time, so he had to watch from the bench as his new team scored its third win in 19 league matches.

Trevor Ross missed an early penalty for Everton against Aston Villa. But the home team's success was only delayed. Mike Lyons scored with a back header from a corner in the 21st minute. Peter Eastoe, after hitting the bar with one effort, drove in the second goal in the last minute.

These were the only two English First Division soccer matches Saturday, the second successive week the program has been wrecked by snow and ice. Both Everton and Manchester City have undersoil heating. The Sunday fixture between Nottingham Forest and Ipswich also has been postponed.

All Dutch soccer fixtures also were postponed for the second successive weekend because of bad weather.

Meanwhile, in Lens, Eugenius Faber, who was right winger for French First Division football side Lens from 1971 to 1975, arrived here Friday after leaving his native Poland last Saturday a few hours before the border was closed.

Faber, 43, brought his wife and two children and is staying with friends while he looks for work.

Results

Division One			
Everton	2	Aston Villa	0
Manchester City	2	Sunderland	3
Division Two			
Wanderers	2	Charlton Athletic	0
Chelsea	1	Oldham Athletic	3
Rovers	0	Cardiff	1
Arbroath	4	Albion Rovers	0
Moutrouze	1	Meadowbank	0
Scottish Premier Division			
Albion	3	Park Thistle	0
East Fife	2	Dunfermline	1
Division One			
Arbroath	4	Albion Rovers	0
Moutrouze	1	Meadowbank	0

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Swansea	19	10	3	6	30	28	33
Manchester United	18	4	5	4	28	15	32
Ipswich	16	10	2	4	28	19	32
Southampton	18	9	3	6	32	27	30
Tottenham	17	9	2	6	26	19	29
Nottingham Forest	18	8	5	5	23	29	29
Manchester City	18	8	4	6	24	28	28
Brighton	18	6	9	3	24	18	27
Arsenal	16	8	3	5	15	27	27
West Ham	16	8	2	3	22	26	26
Everton	16	7	4	8	24	24	24
Liverpool	16	6	6	4	23	16	24
Coventry	18	6	4	8	27	22	22

Ovett recuperating after knee operation



Steve Ovett

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Steve Ovett, the Olympic 800 meters champion and world 1500 meters record holder, underwent surgery on an injured leg Saturday.

The operation followed an accident ten days ago when he ran into railings close to his home in Hove, South England. A muscle above his knee was badly punctured and the inside of his leg torn. Ovett will be in plaster for two weeks and faces a further six weeks building up the affected muscle before he can return to training.

A West Middlesex hospital (London) bulletin this afternoon said that Ovett was out of the theater and his condition was satisfactory. Ovett will now have to abandon plans to compete in Australia in January and February. But, with the season's major events, the European Championships, in Athens, and the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, not being held until August and September, Ovett has time on his side for the major targets of the year.

The injury may, however, upset his chances against his great British rival Sebastian Coe in a 3,000 meters race scheduled for July 17 at Crystal Palace.

Alderman passes test

PERTH, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Australian fast bowler Terry Alderman has been cleared to play in Sunday's Benson and Hedges World Series Cup match against the West Indies in Perth.

Alderman had suffered a strained side during last Thursday's one day international against Pakistan in Sydney. He was required to bowl in short spells for almost an hour in Perth Saturday before being cleared to take his place in the Australian side. Alderman's recovery is a huge bonus for Australia as he has done most damage on his own home ground.

Fast bowlers Jeff Thomson and Geoff Lawson were also cleared to play after having minor injuries. Australian team manager John Edwards said that West Australia's former Test pace bowler Mick Malone would be required to stand in at the ground Sunday morning just in case there was a late casualty.

Australian captain Greg Chappell, inconvenienced by a severe cold last week, has almost fully recovered and is anticipated to make a far stronger showing for his team. The West Indies will delay the announcement of their team for Sunday.

Holland's deadly spell

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 19 (AP) — New South Wales leg spinner Bob Holland, playing only his second Sheffield Shield match this season, had Victoria on the run in their first innings of the Sheffield Shield match at the Sydney Cricket ground on Saturday.

Victoria were 203 for six wickets at the close of play with Ray Bright not out 15 and Shaun Graf not out 13. Holland took four wickets for 64 runs from 30 consecutive overs, which included eight maidens. He claimed the wickets of Jeff Moss (30), top-scorer Julien Wiener (72), John Scholes (15) and Richie Robinson (22). Wiener's 72 made in 189 minutes included eight fours and followed his unbeaten 221 against Western Australia in Melbourne three weeks ago.

World Cup skiing

Agostini improves chances

SAALBACH, Austria, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Switzerland's Doris De Agostini brought the women's skiing back to normal with her win here in the second Downhill of the Women's World Cup season.

France's Marie-Cecile Gros-Gaudenier was a shock winner in the Downhill here Friday, as was the third place finish of young Austrian Sigrid Wolf in her first World Cup race.

De Agostini is one of the favorites to take over the World Cup crown from her retired compatriot and last season's champion Marie-Therese Nadig. Her win here gave her 45 world Cup points and a tie for fifth overall behind leader Irene Epple of West Germany with 104 points. De Agostini was second last year in the Downhill event to Nadig.

The feud they fought threatens to repeat itself with Gros-Gaudenier, who is level with De Agostini, who has improved her chances at the top of the Downhill standings after the two races here, in which each had a first and a second.

Gros-Gaudenier showed that Friday's win was no flash-in-the-pan effort with her

second place finish Saturday. She was 0.25 hundredths of a second behind De Agostini and 0.04 hundredths of a second ahead of Epple. Heavy snow reduced visibility Saturday and race organizers shortened the trail by 600 meters when they placed the starting gate lower down on the trail.

Finn Harri Kirvesniemi Saturday won the 15km cross country ski race in 41:29.4 minutes, ahead of Swede Thomas Wassberg (2.4 seconds back) and Soviet Alexander Savilov (9.7) at Davos, Switzerland. Soviet Raisa Smetanina won the women's 5 km event in 14:23.6 minutes.

Meanwhile, in Crans Montana, Switzerland, there was no training Saturday, for the third day in a row, for the men's World Cup Downhill race scheduled for Sunday. The race was postponed for 24 hours. Strong winds at the top of the trail, at 2500 meters, led race officials to hope that lowering the starting gate by 200 meters might help. But the race jury, led by Walter Trilling of France, finally ruled the situation hopeless for Saturday.

BRIEFS

SEOUL, (AFP) — World Boxing Council (WBC) light bantamweight champion Kim Chul-Ho of South Korea will defend his title against Japan's Koki Ishii on February 20 in the Southeastern provincial city of Taegu. Kim's manager Chun Ho-Yon said here Saturday.

Chun said that Rafael Ortono of Venezuela, from whom Kim wrested the world title last January, will be the Kim's next, and fifth, challenger, probably in Seoul toward the end of March. He added that Mexico's Raul Valdez was next in line to challenge the title in May, on orders from the WBC based in Mexico City.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Oregon State University beat the University of Pennsylvania 102-89 in an official U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) match. It was the fourth victory against one loss for Oregon State this season against Pennsylvania's poor record. Louisville, undefeated with five wins

this season, will meet Oregon State in the final ball game.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev interrupted an Eastern Bloc Summit meeting to see his country's ice hockey team beat Czechoslovakia by a narrow 2-1 margin (1-0, 1-1, 0-0).

Finland had fewer difficulties in their match against Sweden defeating the fellow-Scandinavian 6-2 (2-1, 3-0, 1-1). The Finns dropped a goal after three minutes but then scored six in succession until Sweden's attackers notched up another token goal a few minutes from the end.

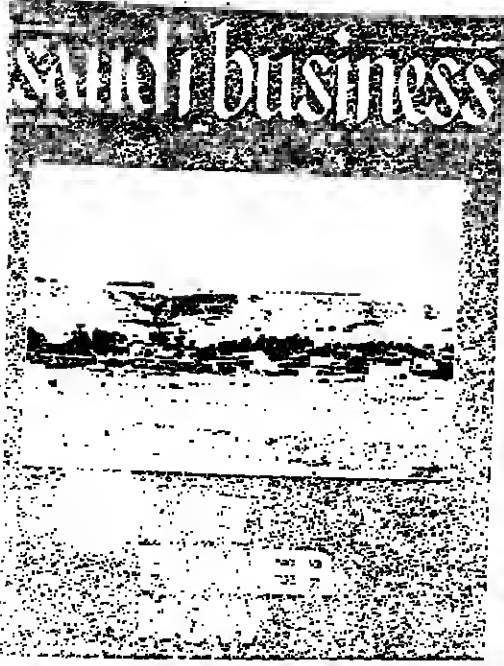
The Soviet team must have been a disappointment to their President, who turned 75 on Saturday. In spite of obvious technical superiority they never succeeded in dominating their opponents and had to be content with limited score like that achieved against Finland on the tournament's first day.

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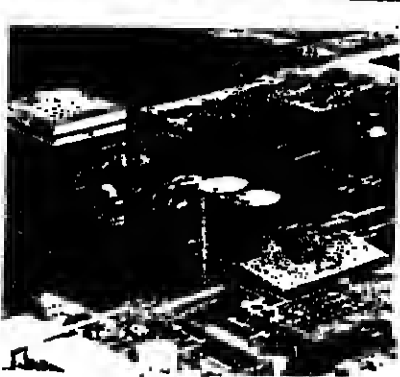


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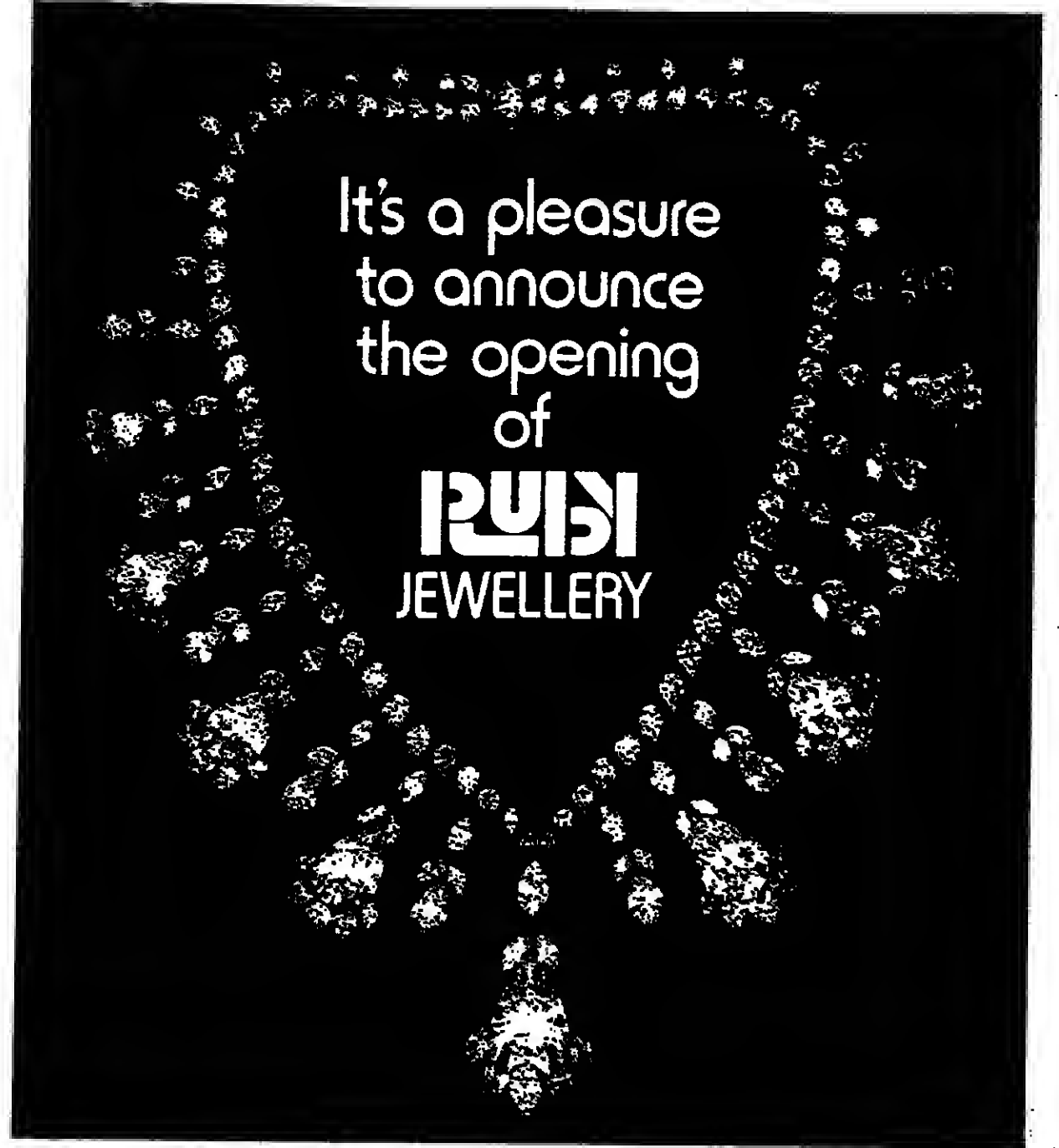


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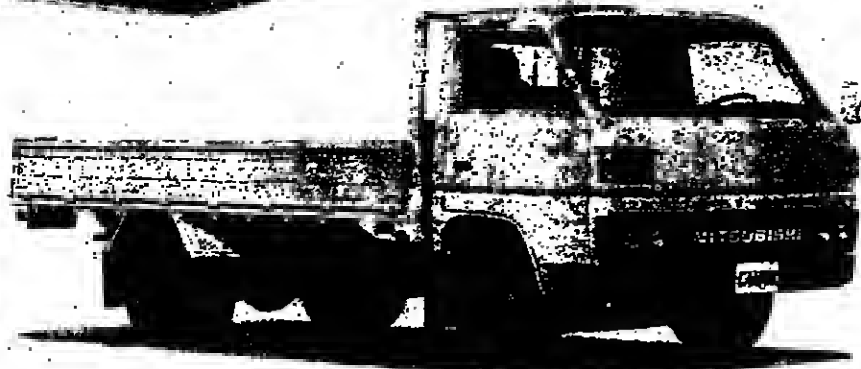
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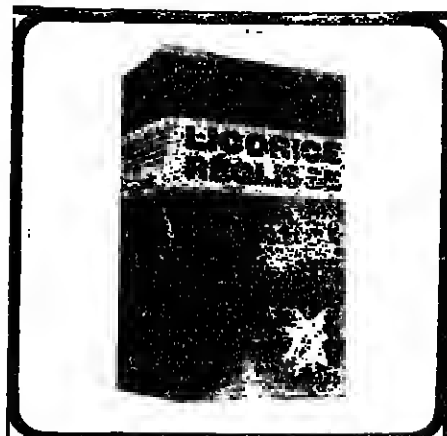
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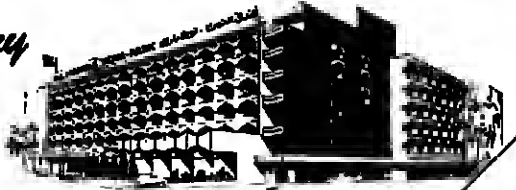
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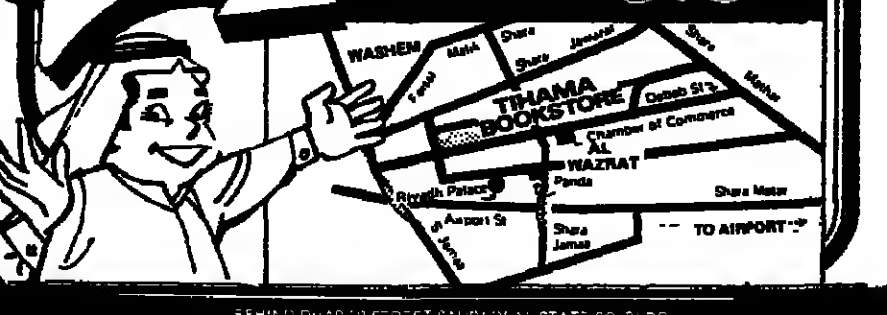
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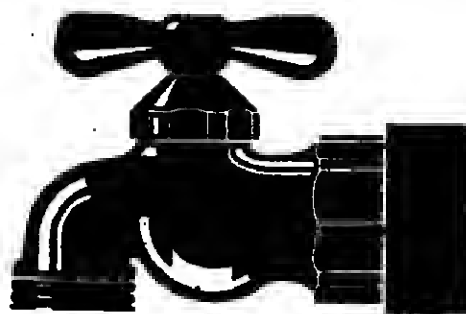
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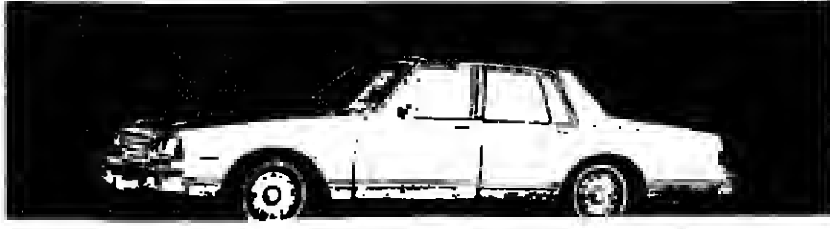
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Attorney general reveals Spies outnumbering agents in America

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — The United States now contains more foreign spies than agents trying to catch them, according to Attorney General William French Smith.

Smith said Friday that the probable number of foreign spies operating in the United States in various guises had increased sharply in the last decade, but the resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had not similarly increased. "Now the number of hostile agents has grown so much that our FBI counterintelligence agents are

Albania premier commits suicide

VIENNA, Dec. 19 (R) — The Albanian ATA news agency Saturday issued an official statement confirming the suicide of Prime Minister Mehmet Shehu, who had been considered almost certain to succeed as the next ruler of the small Balkan state.

The agency quoted a statement by the central committee of the Albanian Communist Party and government as saying that Shehu committed suicide Thursday night "at a moment of nervous breakdown."

First reports of the suicide were given in a Radio Tirana news bulletin Friday night. The brief statement gave no further details about how Shehu, right-hand man of Communist Party leader Enver Hoxha for three decades, had died. Shehu, 68, had been prime minister since 1954.

He was reported to have handled most of the day-to-day running of the country while Hoxha dealt with long-term policy. Hoxha, who is 73, has run Albania on strictly orthodox Stalinist lines for 37 years.

A veteran of the Spanish Civil War, Shehu outlasted years of ruthless infighting within the Albanian leadership. He helped to steer Albania through several abrupt policy changes, from a break with the Soviet Union into an alliance with China and more recently the rupture of its 17-year link with China.

Speculation arose about his health earlier this year when Shehu gave up his additional post of defense minister. But the move was not seen as reflecting on his partnership with Hoxha.

U.K. warns Ulster regiment men

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Dec. 19 (AP) — Members of the Ulster Defense Regiment, the locally recruited unit of the British Army in Northern Ireland, are being told to quit the service if they want to join the Protestant vigilante group "third force," the British news agency Press Association reported Saturday.

Filipinos held hostage

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 19 (AP) — Armed men who robbed four banks and fled with five hostages have taken 15 more persons captive and reportedly beheaded a Protestant minister, the Philippines news agency reported Saturday.

PNA said Simeon Mejon, a minister of the alliance church in the village of Batung Bogg, 944 kms southeast of Manila, was allegedly beheaded for refusing to go with the retreating band after a clash with government troops Friday.

The robbers also burned four houses in a village where the 37 men, dressed as army soldiers, robbed four banks simultaneously last Wednesday.



LEFT? RIGHT? With the elections for a new president of Finland due in January 1982, European observers are keen to see if the country will move to the left or right. It will be the first change of head of state since 1956, when President Kekkonen was elected. He has now retired. Picture shows the changing of the military guard outside the president's palace in Helsinki.

Mugabe says reconciliation to continue despite explosion

SALISBURY, Dec. 19 (R) — Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Saturday expressed horror at the bombing of his ZANU-PF Party's headquarters but said the incident would increase unity in the country rather than destroy it.

He told an airport news conference before leaving on a five-day visit to Mozambique that the bomb, which wrecked the five-story building in a main shopping street, had killed six innocent persons and wounded 84. The government earlier said the blast, which caused increased political and racial tension in Salisbury, had injured up to 150 persons.

Mugabe, who had just spent 45 minutes visiting the injured at a central Salisbury hospital, said the incident would not end his policy of postwar reconciliation between the country's racial and tribal groups.

"If the cowardly act was intended to sow seeds of dissent among the people of Zimbabwe, I can assure you that it will have the opposite effect of bringing us together, regardless of our race and color, in condemnation of the incident itself and in quest for greater peace, unity, understanding and the maintenance of law and order in the country," the prime minister said.

Mugabe said groups existed in the country which had rejected the spirit of national reconciliation created to heal wounds left by

Indochina conference ends U.S. threatening peace, Socialist bloc charges

VIENTIANE, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Deputy foreign ministers of the pro-Soviet Socialist bloc wound up a two-day conference here Saturday, releasing a final document denouncing the "threat" to world peace from "imperialist circles led by the United States".

The ministers also expressed support for the "peace initiatives" put forward by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. The conference, called by the three Communist-ruled Indochinese states (Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) and officially described as a "working consultative conference", opened Friday.

Analysts here said the "final document" broke no new ground. Participants hailed efforts by Asian governments and peoples aimed "at ensuring peace and security" and underscored the "constructive proposals" made by the Indochinese bloc to the pro-Western Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). They also praised India's "constructive peace policy".

Laotian Vice Premier Phoumi Vongvichit, who chaired the closing session, called the final document a "grandiose illustration" of the "fighting solidarity" uniting the Socialist community. He said the conference was a powerful encouragement for the three Indochinese states.

The conference meanwhile charged that China and the United States were threatening peace in Asia. The Soviet Union, the participants said, could in "no way be regarded

Across Straits of Gibraltar Europe-Africa tunnel planned

PARIS, Dec 19 (AFP) — A bridge or tunnel across the Straits of Gibraltar would have "incalculable" political and economic consequences, a senior Moroccan official has reported.

A report by Moroccan royal cabinet official, Kabbaj, published Friday said such a link between Europe and Africa is particularly necessary because it fits perfectly into the outline for Arab, African and European transport networks.

The report said it would also serve perfectly all West African countries and would give access to the whole of Africa, it was learnt here.

The report said that several international bodies had made several recommendations concerning the link. Among these was the fourth African road conference held in Nairobi in January 1980 and the second conference of transport ministers held in Addis Ababa in March 1981.

In 1979 Spain and Morocco signed a technical cooperation agreement setting up a joint coordination committee. The first studies

India undermining press, IPI says

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The Indian Government has been attempting to undermine freedom of the press by weakening the financial stability of Indian newspapers, the International Press Institute said in its 1981 world press freedom review.

The London-based organization said that, as censorship and other crude measures have been found to backfire, the government has taken a different tack on the premise that a weak newspaper can not publish very strong opinions and will soon cease to express any opinions at all.

Politicians in power continued to abuse the press, and journalists are regularly described as "scorpions", "poison", "enemies of the people" and worse, the institute said, commenting that this was an indication that the Indian press was back in exercising its freedom.

In Pakistan, IPI reported, the law minister has said that so long as the ban on political activity continued, there would be no justifi-

Thai coalition formed

BANGKOK, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Thailand Saturday announced a new cabinet lineup, the third coalition government headed by Premier Prem Tinsulanonda since he came to power in March 1980. Under a royal command read over Radio Thailand, Gen. Prem concurrently remains defense minister.

Air Chief Marshal Sitti Sawetasil also retains the foreign affairs portfolio with Arun Phanuphong remaining his deputy, in the 44th government since the country adopted constitutional monarchy in 1932.

The reshuffle is aimed at boosting the government's parliamentary standing in the face of a swelling opposition, notably mounting support for former Premier Chomanan, seen as seeking a comeback under the banner of his National Democracy Party (NDP).

America to scrap SALT II for new arms control pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — The Reagan administration, despite the urging of arms control advocates that it seek to renegotiate SALT II, has decided to scrap the moribund treaty and propose a radical new approach to nuclear arms control.

This conclusion emerged from interviews with Pentagon and State Department officials who told Reuters the administration was conducting a review expected to produce an entirely new proposal calling for major cuts in nuclear arms. Key decisions about the U.S. negotiating stance still must be made, they said.

Despite their complexity and some disputes within the administration, the officials predicted this would be done in time to fulfill the president's commitment to open a new round of strategic arms talks with Moscow early next year. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko are to hold preliminary discussions on this subject in Geneva late next month.

Arms control advocates, including members of the administration of former President Jimmy Carter, have urged the new administration to use the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) signed by Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in 1979 as a starting point.

By proposing amendments to correct

what Reagan calls "fatal flaws" in SALT II, which took three U.S. administrations seven years to negotiate, they say, a successor treaty could be written fairly quickly, assuming Moscow's agreement.

Reagan administration officials said, however, they were not considering renegotiating the 1979 pact, which was shelved after the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan.

"No one in this administration wants to go back and renegotiate SALT II," Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle said in an interview. Perle, Pentagon strategic weapons planner, is pushing for what he calls radical new ideas, including a way to measure U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals that would take into account the explosive power of their weapons along with their numbers. He also wants the new treaty to be much shorter and simpler than SALT II's 67 pages of "unintelligible technical jargon."

Besides these technical changes, he said, it should provide for actual and substantial reductions in both nations' nuclear arsenals, not just a ceiling at existing levels. Conceding the similarity to the "deep cuts" plan Moscow harshly rejected in 1977, he insisted Carter might have succeeded if he had "hung tough" and pushed the Kremlin.

Moreover, the Soviet Union might be

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tion for this problem can be reached so that differences are not escalated further.

Meanwhile, Arab ambassadors in the United Nations welcomed the U.S. decision to suspend the Strategic Alliances with skepticism. "We welcome this as a signal from the United States to Israel, but we do not think it is adequate enough to generate pressure to deter Israel from its expansionist policies," said Clovis Maksoud, U.N. observer of the 21-member Arab League. Maksoud's skepticism stemmed from the fact that the United States had only briefly suspended shipment of F-16 jet fighters to Israel following last June's Israeli bombing raid on the Iraqi nuclear research center.

Maksoud said the true test of "U.S. determination to translate its displeasure" into concrete action would be if Washington supported U.N. Security Council sanctions if Israel fails to rescind its annexation of the Golan Heights. However, the Arab ambassador expressed optimism that the suspension "might be a prelude to a reassessment" of Washington's relationship with Israel.

In Taipei, the Nationalist Chinese Foreign Ministry Saturday criticized Israel's occupation of the Golan Heights, saying it violates international law and would lead to further tension in the Middle East. The move, the ministry said, also would jeopardize peace and stability in the Middle East region.

Such arms control advocates as the private Arms Control Association (ACA) remain doubtful that a totally new treaty can be negotiated faster than an amended version of SALT II.

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